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he Commonwealth Ports Authority board has suspended all new international flight into the CNMI for 60 days.

That will give the CNMI government enough time to assess the islands' infrastructure and capacity to accommodate the rapid increase in visitor arrivals.

In a special meeting of the CPA board yesterday, members adopted Resolution 2017moratorium.

The resolution was in response to a request by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for the board to implement the 60-day suspension ("or until further notice") for new flights into the CNMI, according to board member Barrie Toves.

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\$1M needed for airport expansion

By BEA CABRERA

REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority needs about a million dollars to rehabilitate and expand the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

the CPA board's airport facili- ing," said Toves. "We have ties committee, said that CPA

is continuously working on a master plan for the rehabilitation of the airport.

"We did the terminal expansion study, so we have a concept as to what kind of expansion we want for the airport in order to facilitate the expected Barrie Toves, who chairs growth of the tourists com-

resolution to suspend new international flights into the CNMI.

Boy, 15, drowns at Sugar Dock

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A 15-year-old Korean boy reportedly drowned while spearfishing at Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa yesterday afternoon.

Department of Fire and

Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde said that DFEMS and Department of Public Safety Boating Section Unit personnel found the boy's body floating in the channel late yesterday afternoon.

Gersonde said the boy and

a male friend were spearfishing at Sugar Dock at 1pm. The two agreed to meet at 2:30pm. When the victim did not show up at that time, his friend decided to call 911.

DPS Boating Section Unit and DFEMS personnel then did a search and

rescue operation.

Police are still investigating the incident.

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The victim had just graduated from middle school at Saipan Community School, Saipan Tribune learned.

Last May 4, a 71-year-old Korean man drowned while swimming at the beach of

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In this Feb. 7, 2017, file photo, Karen Shore holds up a sign outside valid reason for keeping peo-See \$1M on Page 4 | of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, Calif.

Another blow for Trump travel ban

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over the travel

By GENE JOHNSON and SUD-**HIN THANAWALA**

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(AP)—Another **SEATTLE**

appeals court stomped on President Donald Trump's revised travel ban Monday, saying the administration

violated federal immigration icy in less than three weeks. law and failed to provide a ple from six mostly Muslim

nations from coming to the country.

The decision by a unanimous three-judge panel of the San Francisco-based 9th U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeals helps keep the travel ban blocked and deals Trump a second big legal defeat on the pol-

The administration said would seek further review at

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Konfitma: DEA agent is 'killed'; meth labs 'found'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com

The 24-hour, full-scale, all-hazard exercise called Konfitma kicked off yesterday with five scenarios, including a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who was "killed" due to gas exposure after a meth lab was "found" at the former La Fiesta Mall in San Roque.

As of press time, the biggest and fifth scenario—another meth lab is "discovered" at the former Telesource Building in As Gonno—was still ongoing.

When Saipan Tribune left the scene, at least four "bad guys" were "killed" by law enforcement snipers. Members of the Department of Public Safety's elite Tactical Response Enforcement Team also barged inside the building.

Public information special-

ist Daisy Demapan said the other scenarios involved an "aircraft crash" near the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport, two shooters and an unmarked package at the departure terminal, and a search warrant at MIHA Housing for possible bio-terrorism.

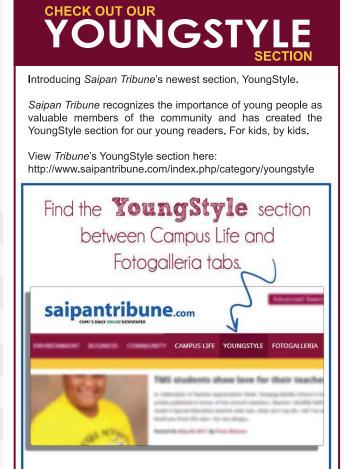
In the meth lab scenario at the former La Fiesta Mall, responders found "mustard gas" and five DEA agents were "exposed" to the gas, Demapan said.

Demapan said medics brought the five DEA agents to the Commonwealth Healthcare Center but one was declared "dead on arrival."

No one was "injured" in the plane crash scenario.

Demapan said the two "active shooters" have been apprehended and the "unmarked package" was contained.

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Bill would require foreign workers to have DOL IDs

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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A new bill seeks to require all nonresident workers in the CNMI to have Department of Labor ID cards.

House Bill 20-68, authored by Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao (Ind-Saipan), seeks to implement the ID system to enable the Labor Department to regulate issues pertaining to foreign workers.

The proposal requires U.S. Department of Homeland Security authorization.

"Currently we do not have the authority to implement this [ID system]," said Rep. Ivan Blanco (R-Saipan), who chairs

Federal Bureau of Investi-

gation agents "served" a war-

rant in the MIHA Housing

Demapan said over 200

The participants are from

DPS, Department of Fire and

Emergency Medical Services,

Commonwealth Ports Author-

ity, MIHA, Emergency Op-

erations Center, Civil Support

Team, and other agencies. Per-

personnel participated at this

KONFITMA

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scenario

year's Konfitma.

the Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee that is reviewing the bill.

"This bill, subject to DHS approval, will require employers to register their employees with the DOL office," said Blanco.

He said their goal is to pass the bill first before asking DHS to authorize it.

HB 20-68, if passed, will allow Labor to impose on employers at least \$50 for each nonimmigrant worker ID card.

About 70 percent of the new non-immigration worker ID fund would go to Labor for enforcing laws related to non-immigrant workers and maintaining records and files of all

sonnel from Tinian and Rota also joined the exercise.

Acting special assistant for CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Pete Leon Guerrero said this training is comprehensive. In some cases, the first responders were presented with scenarios they've never come across.

Konfitma is an annual exercise that started in 2009 on Saipan. It is in partnership between the CNMI and the U.S. Department of Defense, and various local and federal agencies.

non-immigrant workers.

The remaining 30 percent will be funneled to the Department of Commerce Central Statistics Division for the purpose of filing and recording all data from employers who hire non-immigrant workers.

If passed into law, employers that fail to comply with the requirements will be subject to a \$100 fine per employee per position.

Blanco recommends that the House of Representatives pass the bill at the next House

"We first want to pass the bill with the language that is subject to [DHS] approval and seek [DHS] assistance with it," said Blanco, adding that representatives of DHS divisions such as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services "were open to work with the CNMI on the enforcement of work programs, including immigration, tourist visitors and whatnot."

"We'd like to take up their offer to work with us," Blanco said.



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Termination suit vs Imperial Pacific is dismissed

The federal court dismissed yesterday the wrongful termination lawsuit filed by a former company official against Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed the case after both parties settled the case and agreed to drop the matter.

A total of \$220,000 has been

appropriated to the Saipan

Mayor's Office and other gov-

House Local Bill 20-3,

signed into law on Monday by

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, al-

located a total of \$327,234.49

to government agencies on

Saipan, with the Saipan May-

or's Office receiving \$220,000

Some \$15,000 was appro-

SUVA, Fiji—The Secretariat

of the Pacific Community has

been selected by the Interna-

tional Maritime Organization

to host the regional Maritime

Technology Cooperation Cen-

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With the case's dismissal, Danny Ewing, a former casino vice president of table games for Best Sunshine International Ltd., can no longer re-file the case.

The terms and conditions of the settlement deal were not disclosed.

Attorney William M. Fitzgerald is counsel for Ew-

priated for the 36th Flame Tree

Arts Festival; \$27,000 was

appropriated to the Northern

Marianas Sports Association's

national and junior national

baseball team's participation in

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tional Fishing Derby.

Saipan Mayor's Office appropriated \$220K

ing, while George L. Hasselback is counsel for Imperial Pacific

In his lawsuit, Ewing accused the casino management of engaging in illegal practices. He said the casino allowed a customer to deposit \$400,000 without the required Anti-Money Laundering identification.

\$50,234.49 to the Saipan and

Northern Islands Legislative

Delegation, while \$5,000 was

appropriated for the Common-

wealth Healthcare Corp.'s tele-

Also signed into law last

Monday was HLB 20-01,

which appropriated a total of

\$463,279 for several Saipan

Precinct I got funding to pave

important initiative and value

the collaborative work with

precincts.

The law also appropriates Feddos Lane in As Lito; Pre-

SPC to host Maritime Technology Cooperation Center

health demonstration project.

Imperial Pacific operates Best Sunshine Live, a casino and training site for its workers who will ultimately work at its permanent casino, now being built in Garapan.

Ewing sued Imperial Pacific for wrongful termination in violation of public policy and Fair Labor Standards Act and Occupation Safety and Health

cinct II was allocated for the res-

toration and renovations of the

San Isidro Beach Park; Precinct

III was appropriated for the

water drainage or catchment

system in Oleai by the San

Jose Church to prevent flood-

ing; and Precinct IV was ap-

propriated for the storm drain-

age in the Tanapag Homestead

area and for repairs of Gera

Lane in the As Matuis area.

SPC director-general Dr. Co-

The MTCC-Pacific will be

located at the SPC Suva cam-

pus in, Fiji. Others MTCCs

have been established in Latin

America at the International

Maritime University of Pana-

ma; in Africa at the Kenyatta

University of Agriculture and

Technology; in Asia at the

Shanghai Maritime Univer-

sity; and in the Caribbean at

the University of Trinidad and

(Erwin Encinares)

lin Tukuitonga.

Act regulations, immigration violation, wrongful failure to hire; and intentional infliction

of emotional distress.

Ewing demanded unspecified damages.

Imperial Pacific has denied the allegations. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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Currently, there are 12 to 14

Toves said that existing

U.S. DOT.

CPA chair Jose R. Lifoifoi said, "We know we do not have the power to stop the airlines because of what happened in American Samoa governor versus Hawaiian Airlines where the governor signed an executive order banning Hawaiian airlines service out of Samoa because of its monopoly. The U.S. DOT ruled American Samoa governor cannot regulate airline services because it violates the Airline Deregulation Act."

"That is why the resolution is imposed unless otherwise prohibited by the U.S. DOT," Lifoifoi added.

The CPA management's next step is to file a formal notice of the action to the U.S. DOT. It will also send a request to the U.S. DOT Secretary and FAA to expedite the review of the CPA's formal notice and inform them of their decision.

The current international flights servicing the CNMI shall remain in status quo and the resolution has no impact on any new flights within the CNMI.

FLIGHTS

Torres' letters to CPA were dated June 7 and 8, 2017. The June 8 letter also furnishes a copy to the Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation. "Asking the CPA's help

is the [Torres] administration's way of addressing the issue of inadequate number of hotels and lodging for tourists. ... If this continues without study or assessment, our hotels and lodges would not be able to accommodate the influx of tourists," Toves added.

airlines servicing the CNMI.

flights cannot be tailored to fly in specific schedules because the airlines are also servicing clients who have connecting flights.

The CPA has the authority to implement the moratorium because the flights coming into CNMI are within its jurisdiction but the resolution also recognizes the authority of the

orate with IMO on this very tion in the maritime shipping

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gram.

the U.S. Supreme Court, as it has already done with a ruling against the travel ban by another appeals court last month. The high court is likely to consider the cases in tandem.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions insisted the new decision would harm national security—an argument the judges rejected.

"The executive branch is entrusted with the responsibility to keep the country safe under Article II of the Constitution," Sessions said in a written statement. "Unfortunately, this injunction prevents the president from fully carrying out his Article II duties and has a chilling effect on security operations overall."

Hawaii Attorney General Doug Chin, who sued to stop the travel ban, said the 9th Circuit ruling "really shows that we have three branches of government and that there are checks and balances. ... So to me, this is everything that we learned in social studies in high school just coming to play exactly the way it should."

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court

of Appeals in Virginia last month found the 90-day ban unconstitutional, saying it was "steeped in animus and directed at a single religious group" rather than necessary for national security. It cited the president's campaign statements calling for a "total and complete shutdown" on Muslims entering the U.S.

The 9th Circuit, which heard arguments in Seattle last month in Hawaii's challenge to the ban, found no need to analyze those statements. It ruled based on immigration law, not the Constitution.

"Immigration, even for the president, is not a one-person show," the judges said, adding: "National security is not a 'talismanic incantation' that, once invoked, can support any and all exercise of executive power."

Judges Michael Hawkins, Ronald Gould and Richard Paez—all appointed by President Bill Clintonsaid the travel ban violated immigration law by discriminating against people based on their nationality when it comes to issuing visas and by failing to demonstrate that their entry would hurt American interests.

The president's order did

SPREP. This Maritime Technology Cooperation Center for the Pacific will deliver capacity-building activities and pilot projects to promote the uptake of low-carbon technologies and operations in shipping and ports in the Pacific region which is in line with SPC's efforts to support sustainable development across the region including in the maritime sector," said not tie citizens of Iran, Lib-

ya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria

and Yemen to terrorist or-

ganizations or identify them

as contributors to "active

conflict," the court said. It

also did not provide any link

between their nationality and

their propensity to commit

not provide a rationale ex-

plaining why permitting en-

try of nationals from the six

designated countries under

current protocols would be

detrimental to the interests

of the United States," the

The judges pointed to a June

5 tweet by Trump saying the

order was aimed at "danger-

ous countries." That helped

show he was not assessing

whether the six countries had

The White House predicted

"Frankly, I think any law-

yer worth their salt 100 per-

cent agrees that the presi-

dent's fully within his rights

and his responsibilities to do

what is necessary to protect

the country," spokesman

Trump's suspension of the

U.S. refugee program also

remains blocked. The 9th Cir-

Sean Spicer said.

ties to terrorism, they said.

a win at the Supreme Court.

"In short, the order does

terrorism.

ruling said.

cuit said he was required to consult with Congress in setting the number of refugees allowed into the country in a given year and that he could not decrease it midyear. The refugee program is not at issue in the 4th Circuit case.

The president issued the executive order after the initial version caused chaos and protests at airports and was blocked by a Seattle judge and a different three-judge 9th Circuit panel. The new version was designed to better withstand legal scrutiny and spelled out more of a national security rationale.

rights groups challenged mained rooted in discrimination and exceeded the presi dent's authority.

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Tobago. (SPC)

Toves said.

Several states and civil the revised ban, saying it re-

U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson in Hawaii blocked the new version in March, citing what he called "significant and unrebutted evidence of religious animus" in Trump's campaign statements.

The 9th Circuit narrowed Watson's ruling in some minor ways, allowing the administration to conduct an internal review of its vetting procedures for refugees and visa ap-

\$1M

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identified the funding for the master plan, which would cost \$1 million." The master plan encom-

passes all the Saipan airport's facilities and includes expanding the Customs and Border Protection area, the Transportation Security Administration area, and the departure areas where the counters are.

The master plan includes the construction of a separate building at the terminal area where airline operators will be relocated and offices set up,

Expanding the parking lot is also part of the plan.

The master concession program is also underway, Toves said. The master concession program grants the winning bidder the right to operate facilities at the airport to sell duty-free merchandise.

"The requests for proposals for the master concession program is still in the process. We did a concession study so we have a concept already of what kind of expansion for the facility is required.

"The thing that is holding it back is the master concession rules and regulations that is required by the legislation that was passed, authorizing us to separate the three island's concession programs."

"In order for us to implement the concession back again and in order for the request for proposals for the master concession to be completed, we need to incorporate the rules and regulations." Toves said.

Currently, the draft of the rules and regulations is already with the Office of the Attorney General for review. The results will then be brought back to CPA for submission to the CNMI Regis*trar* for publication.

Only after publication will the rules and regulations be promulgated.

"Once we are clear with the rules and regulations, we can come back to our consultant who is working on the development of the request for proposals in the concession for them to proceed and complete the process," Toves added.

BOY

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Kensington in San Roque, while a 50-year-old Japanese man also drowned while scuba diving at Laulau Bay.

Last Jan. 26, 53-yearold Isidro Wabol, who had been swimming, was later found dead outside the reef at Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa.

Pistang Pinoy highlights young achievers

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA kbautista1222@gmail.com

In celebration of the 119th Philippine Independence Day, the traditional Pistang Pinoy, a daylong festival on Saipan, highlighted Sunday the achievements of young people born and raised on the island with Filipino roots.

Recognitions were handed out at Sunday's Pistang Pi-

noy to 13 young men and women in categories such as government, sports, medical research/science, arts, education, military, entertainment, and music.

Two were honored under the government achievements category: acting press secretary Kevin Bautista and the first non-indigenous representative elected to the Legislature, Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan).

Three young people were recognized in the sports category: soccer player Enrico Del Rosario, golfer Leina Kim, and tennis player Thea Minor.

In the medical research/ science achievements category, the honorees were Hazel Doctor, who graduated magna cum laude at the Emory University, and Ryan Ortizo, president of the Asian Pacific Medical Student Association and Emergency Medicine Student Association.

The arts category recognition went to Amy Hudkins, who graduated magna cum laude from Savannah College of Art and Design in 2016.

In the education category, the honorees were Robert Malate and Lyn Mendiola.

was recognized under the Tubera, who was recently military category.

Coraleen Waddell was recognized under the entertainment category, while Erica

cast as Fantine in an upcoming Les Miserables production in Guam, was honored under the music category.

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Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at W-517 on June 15-16, from 9am to 3pm.

The military will also conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- June 14, from 1:30pm to 9:30pm
- June 15, from 2pm to 9p. ■ June 16, from 9:30am to

11pm

■ June 17, from 10am to 11pm

public, fishermen, The commercial pilots, and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)

KHS registration

All parents and guardians of Kagman High School students are being informed that KHS is open for enrollment and accepting registrations all summer. It is ideal to get your registration submitted ASAP to get your child scheduled in the optimum classes they need to graduate! So far we have received less than 150 registrations from returning students. We have also received very few registration forms from incoming freshmen! Please don't delay, register your child for school today. Registration can be printed from https:// goo.gl/x2KvcL. (PR)

VA benefits counselor to visit Saipan

The U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Administration will be visiting Saipan. A VA benefits counselor will be at the Saipan VA outreach clinic on June 28, 2017, from 9:30am to 3:30pm, to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process. The Saipan VA outreach clinic is located at the MH II Building, Suite 206, Marina Heights Business Park in Garapan. To request an appointment, contact Ruth Coleman at 322-0035. (PR)

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-033 NMC SEWER LINE UPGRADE (S-14-035)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the replacement and upgrade of sewer line in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general of the replacement of asbestos cement pipe (ACP) in the area of Northern Mariana College, Fina Sisu. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The Project is to replace approximately ± 750 LF of existing 8-inch ACP, ± 20 LF of 10-inch force main, existing service lateral exploration work, 4-inch service lateral connections and clean-outs, installation of new concrete sewer manhole installation and abandonment of existing sewer manhole, installation and monitoring of wastewater temporary by-pass pumping

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approva

CUC requires the Project to be completed in 200 calendar days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on June 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeter

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-033, NMC Sewer Line Upgrade", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 30, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided E Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 16, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator- via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Birhen Martinez, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer - via email address birhen.martinez@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR. **Executive Director** Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



CUC-RFP-17-026 Professional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Utility Software For Billing,

Financials, Work Order Computer System The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from utility billing, financials and work order software developer firms, for the Purchase of Enterprise Resource Planning Solution (ERP) software and sustainment for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails assessment, training, project management, migration, application and implementation. Deliverables may include a quotation for equipment to support the project, collaborative and performance reporting.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 27, 2017 at

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or reditic ard in the amount of \$\$1000, (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-026 Professional Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Utility Software For Billing, Financials, Work Order Computer System" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond on one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an

Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their ins choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of charification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CLIC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws

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CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC.

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Rota man is accused of alleged sex assault

An employee of the Rota Mayor's Office was arrested yesterday for allegedly sexually assaulting an 18-year-old woman while drunk last Friday before midnight.

Serafin Manglona Ogo, 33,

was taken to court yesterday on charges of sexual assault in the second degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed a \$25,000 cash bail. Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig was appointed as counsel for Ogo. Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

Preliminary hearing will be on June 21 at 9am.

The Department of Public Safety dispatch received a call on Saturday, asking for police assistance at a home on Rota regarding a sexual assault case.

The alleged victim told police that Ogo sexually assaulted her on Thursday before midnight.

The victim said that Ogo, who smelled of alcohol, sat next to her on a picnic table and rubbed her right inner thigh. When she attempted to move away, Ogo allegedly grabbed her privates.

The victim got up from the table but Ogo allegedly approached from behind, told

her not to tell her mother and grabbed her right breast.

The victim said she was so scared.

The victim claimed that Ogo also groped her between May 1 to June 30, 2016, when she was just 17. She said she was afraid and shocked. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Scientists to advise marine monument fishing regs

HONOLULU—Scientists from throughout the Pacific are in Honolulu until June 15 to provide recommendations on managing fisheries in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Pacific Remote Islands Areas.

The meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee s open to the public and started on June 13.

Agenda items include the following:

■ Options for Fishing regulations in the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument Expanded Area: Presidential Proclamation 9478 set aside an area adjacent to the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument as a Monument Expansion Area (MEA). The proclamation prohibits commercial fishing and anchoring on coral but allows regulated Na-

tive Hawaiian practices and non-commercial fishing. The Council is tasked with recommending fishing regulations for the MEA consistent with the proclamation.

■ Acceptable biological catch for main Hawaiian islands kona crab: The SSC will recommend a 2017 acceptable biological catch (ABC) for Hawai'i Kona crab. The ABC is the foundation on which an annual catch limit (ACL) is based. A 2015 stock assessment reviewed by the Center for Independent Experts indicates the stock is likely overfished. The assessment assumed a male and female catch retention fishery. However, State of Hawai'i regulations have allowed retention of only males since 2007. In earlier discussions, the SSC expressed concern about the impacts of non-retention of female crabs. The current ABC of 27,600 pounds is three able catch level based upon the 2015 stock assessment. NMFS will present alternative ABCs for the SSC to consider.

- Annual catch limits: Several species of fish were harvested over their 2016 annual catch limit. American Samoa exceeded its ACL for rabbitfish (Siganidae); Guam for jacks (Carangidae); and CNMI for slipper lobster. The SSC will review the rationale for these overages, which in some cases may be due to better reporting of catches and changes to the survey protocol.
- American Samoa large vessel prohibited area: In 2016, U.S. longline vessels based in American Samoa were provided with an exemption that allowed them to fish in waters from 12 to 50 nautical miles from shore within the American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Areas while continuing to prohibit them from fishing 0 to 12 nm from shore. The exemption recog-

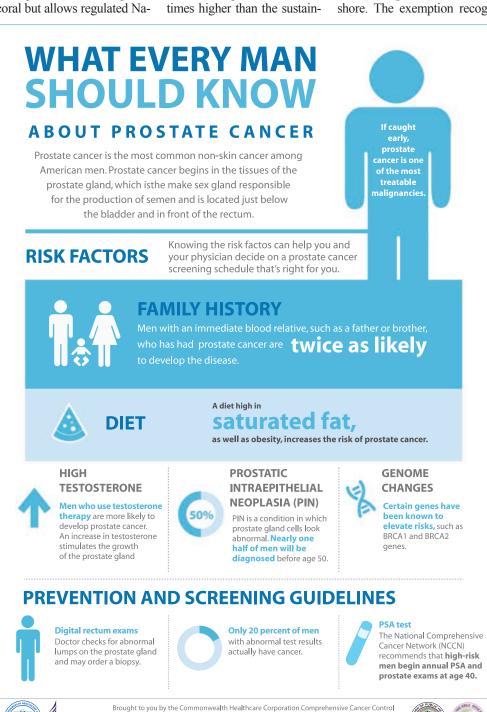
nized the precarious economic status of the fishery, the uncertainty surrounding the future of the Territory's tuna canneries and the reduction of the small-boat alia longline fishery to a single active vessel. The Council had developed the LVPA to mitigate potential gear conflicts between the larger longline vessels and the alia fleet, which numbered around 40 in 2002. Council staff will present potential options for the American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Areas (LVPAs), following a court decision in early 2017 that vacated the exemption as it had not considered the American Samoa Deeds of Cessions as other applicable law, and specifically the need to protect American Samoa cultural fishing practices. The SSC will consider defining American Samoa cultural fishing.

For the complete agenda and meeting documents, go to http://www.wpcouncil.org/2017/05/04/126th-scientific-and-statistical-committee-meeting/ or email info@wpcouncil.org or phone (808) 522-8220 (PR)



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WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Your 2016 CUC Annual Water Quality Report is now available on-line!

Please go to http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/CCR-2016.pdf to view what contaminants were detected in your water in 2016 and to learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

If you need the report translated, wish to speak with someone about the report, or would like a paper copy delivered or emailed to you, please call CUC at (670) 664-4282.

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I iyom-mu 2016 CUC Annual na Ripot Kuålidåt Hånum esta på gu gumuaha gi on-line!

Put fabot hånåo para i http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/CCR-2016.pdf para u ma'atan håfa na contaminants manmasodda' gi halum hanom-mu gi 2016 yan para un tung'u mås put i hanum magimin. Esti na ripot ha sasahguan siha manimpottånti na imfotmasion put i source yan kuålidåt i hanum magimin.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-17-023, Rev.2

OEM-Assessment & Preventative Maintenance Services for the Diesel Engine Systems at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for OEM-Assessment & Preventive

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEMs) or their authorized licensees from which CUC intends to select the most responsive proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's requirements. The term for the initial contract is for a period of ONE (1) year which may be extended or renewed upon mutual agreement.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on June 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the CUC Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Prospective Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-service will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-17-023. Rev. 2, OEM-Assessment & PMS for the Diesel engine systems at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than July 7, 2017 at 10-00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be administered by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certification of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

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All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 19, 2017 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Utility Coordinator for Power via email rengopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org, Richard Cano, CUC Power Generation Manager via email richard.cano@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela, Tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of

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DOI powers utilities in territories, FAS

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Acting Interior assistant secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula made available this week \$380,447 in maintenance assistance funding from the Office of Insular Affairs to support two regional initiatives and one local initiative that support and bolster capacity for the power utilities in all main islands of the Pacific U.S. insular areas.

"Electrical power is costly for residents in the territories and freely associated states," said Pula. "We do all we can to help them keep costs down through building local capacity and facilitating collaboration of ideas and expertise."

The projects funded from fiscal year 2017 OIA Maintenance Assistance Funds are as follow:

■ Pacific Linemen Training Program (\$224,000) for the Yap State Public Service Corp. to provide 28 weeks of advanced professional certification training to 80 power linemen, a col-

laboration of power authorities from six insular areas: American Samoa, Guam, Majuro, Palau, Pohnpei, and Yap. Training this year will be especially critical for American Samoa, Palau, and Pohnpei who are experiencing severe shortages of qualified power linemen due to attrition and retirement. The training will include disaster planning workshops to help the islands recover more quickly from storms. For the past three years, power linemen trained in this program have been assisting power utilities on Chuuk, Ulithi, and Saipan deal with repairs and recovery efforts following typhoons Maysak and Soudelor.

■ Pacific Power Association (\$36,447) to fund the participation of 10 technical engineers from power utilities in the Pacific region at the 26th Annual Conference of the Pacific Power Association to discuss regional benchmarking, renewable energy resource mapping and integration, and disaster risk reduction initiatives.

Participants to the conference will come from American Samoa, Guam, Yap, Kwajalein, Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Majuro, Saipan, and Palau and will match dollar for dollar the cost of their participation.

■ Professional Training and Apprenticeship Pro**gram** (\$120,000) is provided to the American Samoa Power Authority to build and develop local engineers and technical personnel critical to the operations and continued success of the American Samoa Power Authority. Funding for the current year is being matched 2 to 1 by ASPA and will fund 17 apprentices, including three power system engineers, two energy technology engineers, two water/ wastewater civil engineers, six photovoltaic system technicians, and four electronic meter technicians. This is the fourth and final year of the program, with \$370,000 provided in prior years beginning in fiscal year 2014. (PR)

Interior releases \$7.8M for American Samoa

WASHINGTON, D.C.— This week the Office of Insular Affairs released \$7.8 million in remaining grant assistance for fiscal year 2017 to the American Samoa government through the Office of Insular Affairs' Operations Grant Program. These funds are what remained of the annual \$22.75

million needed to support

the daily operations of the American Samoa government, the LBJ Tropical Medical Center, the American Samoa Community College, and the high court of American Samoa. The purpose of this program, as mandated by Congress, is to fund the difference between budget needs and local revenue and remains constant

each year to support government operations.

"These funds are critical for government operations in the territory of American Samoa," said acting Interior assistant secretary for Insular Areas Nikolao Pula. "We are pleased to transmit the remaining funds on behalf of the administration." (PR)

Peng sentenced for harboring birth tourist

Shawn N. Anderson, acting U.S. attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, announced yesterday that Richard Peng aka Pai Peng, a citizen of the United States and Taiwan, was sentenced on June 12, 2017, in the U.S. District Court, to six months imprisonment for harboring a pregnant illegal alien.

The court also ordered a oneyear term of supervised release following Peng's release, and a fine of \$2,000, in addition to the payment of a mandatory \$100 assessment fee.

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charged with harboring an illegal alien. On Aug. 3, 2016, Peng pleaded guilty to the charge. From November 2014 until February 2015, Peng housed a Chinese birth-tourist after she had overstayed her conditional parole, with the intention that she not be detected by immigration authorities.

Anderson stated, "On April 11, 2017, [U.S.] Attorney General [Jeff] Sessions announced that [the Department of Justice] will place a high priority on establishing lawfulness in our immigration system. The district of the Northern Mariana Islands

will see an increase in federal law enforcement efforts to implement this important policy change. As this case demonstrates, the department is committed to holding persons accountable for enticing, encouraging and abetting aliens who unlawfully enter or remain in the United States."

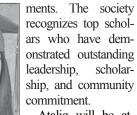
The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations. The case was prosecuted by James J. Benedetto, assistant U.S. attorney for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands (USAO)

Atalig graduates with honors

Eternalee Aldan Atalig graduated with honors from Mount Carmel High School last June 8, 2017, in San Diego, California and was inducted into the National Society of High School scholars.

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As an NSHS scholar, Atalig is recognized for her superior academic achieve-



Atalig will be at-Cal-State tending University Fullerton

this fall to pursue a degree in Hotel & Tourism Management.

At Fullerton, she would like to start a Pacific Islander Club.

Atalig left Saipan when she was just 7 years old but she has great memories and love for the CNMI. She said she will always be a very proud Chamorrita girl.

Atalig is the daughter of David DLG Atalig and DorisAnn Aldan-Atalig of San Diego, California. (PR)



The Micronesian Conservation Coalition took the Håfa Adai Pledge on Saturday, June 10, 2017. The pledge signing was held during the first Guam World Oceans Day Expo at the Agana Shopping Center. From left GVB acting president and CEO Tony Muna, MCC founder and executive director Julie Hartup, GVB director of Tourism Research Ana Cid, and GVB acting director of Global Marketing Brian Borja.



From left, Micronesian Conservation Coalition ambassador Ashley Hope Castro, MCC program director Jenifer Burney, MCC founder and executive director Julie Hartup, and GVB acting president and CEO Tony Muna.

MCC takes Håfa Adai Pledge

The Guam Visitors Bureau welcomed the Micronesian Conservation Coalition to the Håfa Adai Pledge program last Saturday, June 10, 2017. The organization signed the pledge during the first Guam World Oceans Day Expo at the Agana Shopping Center.

MCC hosted the expo, which featured activities, booths, face painting, and games. The theme was "For the Love of Our Ocean, Our Future." GVB and the Agana Shopping Center supported the family-friendly event.

The pledge-signing ceremony included the presentation of Resolution 140-34, which commemorated World Oceans Day. The resolution also commended MCC for its

also commended MCC for its Pledge program. (PR) Bordallo takes up H-2B issue with DHS

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) recently met with U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs Ben Cassidy. She raised the issue of the near 100-percent rate of H-2B denials that has been affecting Guam since early 2016, stressing the impact this has had on the workforce needed to support Guam's economy. In particular, she noted the construction and health care industries are among the most urgently impacted, which could affect the hundreds of millions of dollars in military construction projects that are projected this year and next year.

Since late 2015 U.S. Customs and Immigrations Services has either denied or issued a request for evidence for nearly 100 percent of all applications for H-2B visas in Guam.

This has reduced the number of H-2B workers to near zero, a loss of thousands of workers, including those used to support military construction projects and healthcare associated with the Marine relocation to Guam.

Bordallo included legislation that would provide relief for

dedication to protecting Pacific islands' ocean ecosystems and cultures. Sen. Régine Biscoe Lee, Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Sen. Telena Cruz Nelson, vice speaker Therese M. Terlaje, and Sen. William M. Castro sponsored the resolution.

The Håfa Adai Pledge program is a cornerstone of the Guam Visitors Bureau's local community branding campaign. Since its inception in 2009, the Håfa Adai Pledge program has grown steadily both in numbers of participants as well as the content of individual pledges. To date, over 700 private businesses, government agencies, non-profits and other organizations have joined the Håfa Adai Pledge program. (*PR*)

Department of Defense-funded construction and the healthcare industry in the House-passed fiscal year 2017 National Defense Authorization Act last year; however the provision was removed before final passage. She is again seeking to include language in both the House and Senate bills this year, but is also working with the Department of Homeland Security to address this situation and provide immediate relief for the Guam community.

"I stressed to Assistant Secretary Cassidy the importance of the H-2B program [in] Guam, particularly to the military buildup, which includes hundreds of millions of dollars in military construction. This change was a result of internal decisions, and I believe that DHS can address this situation internally, without legislative action. I asked Assistant Secretary Cassidy to discuss the issue with DHS Secretary [John F.] Kelly and leadership within DHS. He committed to raising the issue and communicating openly with me and my staff. In the meantime, I continue to work with my colleagues in Congress to address this situation legislatively and provide relief to our island." (PR)



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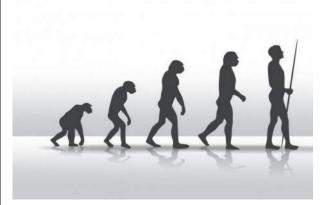
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Older and wiser: Adjust for adding 100,000 years to human origins



ust as we all were getting used to the idea that our species has been around roughly 195,000 to 200,000 years, paleontologists now tell us it's time to put another 100,000 candles on the birthday cake.

Last week, two new studies published in the journal *Nature* laid out a new theory based on the study of fossils discovered in Morocco in 1961 that Homo sapiens—i.e., humans—have been around for at least 300,000 years. This represents a considerable shift in the timeline when it comes to the theory of humanity's origins.

Previously the oldest human skull fragments were estimated to be a little shy of 200,000 years old. Skull fragments from Omo-Kibish are believed to be 195,000 years old, while fossils found in Ethiopia and parts of East Africa are believed to be between 154,000 and 160,000 years old.

With the official inclusion of the Moroccan fossils into the human family, the territory for where humans are believed to have gotten our start has dramatically expanded, too. We're no longer just from one neighborhood in East Africa.

There's a growing consensus in the scientific community that early humans may have arisen in several regions across the continent at once, though it was a relatively small band that left East Africa 70,000 years ago that we owe special thanks to. Those were our ancestors.

The Moroccan fossils have opened the door to the past in ways we didn't expect when we first began to study them nearly 60 years ago. When they were first discovered, they were strangers. Over the course of a generation of scientific scrutiny, we found out they were family.

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Comey can't credibly play the victim

'm having a hard time seeing former FBI director James Comey as a victim.

Don't get me wrong: Ask me who I think has more credibility between Comey and his nemesis, President Donald Trump, and Comey wins that contest hands down.

Trump promised to release his taxes once elected but still refuses to do so.

Trump vowed to build a wall along the southern U.S. border and make Mexico pay for it, but that clearly is never going to happen.

Trump vowed to drain the swamp in the nation's capital but instead muddied the waters by bringing in more political hacks, white nationalists and a cabal of advisers with suspicious ties to Russia and other foreign governments.

Trump takes ill-advised swipes at our European allies, but blows kisses at despots and dictators.

But let's get back to the dominant story line of the day, of the past month, really: The disconcerting dust-up between Trump and Comev.

I have little doubt that Trump dumped Comey last month because he wouldn't play along—which, in this case, means he wouldn't pledge his loyalty to Team Trump.

How else do you explain Trump praising Comey one moment—just days before the presidential election in November—for having the "guts" to make public the FBI's probe into Hillary Clinton's private email server and then firing him in May for his handling of that same investigation?

None of the arrows are pointing in the right direction for the president on this. It all looks and smells bad.

But I can't let Comey off the hook, either—or, more pointedly, place him on a pedestal.

I mean, how do we reconcile Comey's inside-the-Beltway reputation as a straight shooter who does the right thing under pressure with his timid interactions with Trump?

Are we to believe that Comey lacked the presence of mind to tell Trump that he couldn't meet alone with him while his agency's investigation into Russia's meddling with the presidential election was under way?

Or, did the FBI head—and again, this doesn't track with his reputation—simply lack the backbone to stand up to the president?

Apparently so—at least until he was fired.

Case in point: What did Comey do a day after Trump allegedly asked him to end an investigation into former national security adviser Michael Flynn? He ran to Attorney General Jeff Sessions to urge him to never leave him alone again with Trump.

I'm sorry, but that is a boundary that a strong and independent FBI director must be able to enforce. Comey needed to put Trump in his place then and there—and let the chips, namely his

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job security, fall where they may.

Instead, without the benefit of an audio recording to support his recollection of the conversation, he typed up a memo, which he later leaked after Trump fired and began discrediting him publicly.

Comey said he took that unusual step after Trump challenged his account of their conversation in a May 12 tweet: "James Comey better hope that there are no "tapes" of our conversations before he starts leaking to the press!"

That tweet, Comey said, prompted him to throw a counterpunch.

"I woke up in the middle of the night ... because it didn't dawn on me originally that there might be corroboration for our conversation," Comey said Thursday in testimony before the Senate intelligence committee. "And my judgment was, I needed to get that out into the public square. And so I asked a friend of mine to share the content of the memo with a reporter ... because I thought that might prompt the appointment of a special counsel."

Again, what we're left with here is two conflicting narratives—a he-said-he-said—that may come down to whom you believe, or whom you want to believe. There is, of course, a lot more to this political saga, and a lot more evidence beyond Comey's testimony that will figure into any final determinations. Which is why we need to tap the brakes for a spell until we know what all the pieces of this puzzle are.

Instead of making sweeping conclusions one way or the other or calling for an impeachment that won't go anywhere anytime soon, we need to let Robert Mueller, the special counsel appointed to ride herd over the investigation into ties between Trump's campaign and Russian officials, finish his work.

Comey testified that Team Trump began spreading "lies, plain and simple" to discredit him. That, unfortunately, isn't hard to believe if you've witnessed how this administration has comported itself since Day 1, starting with its estimate of Trump's inauguration day crowd.

Comey, as he's demonstrated, can fend for himself.

A bigger question, the one that Comey himself wouldn't an-See COMEY on Next Page **EDITORIAL POLICY**

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Patgon Tanu: Lamegai asoda'hu na famaguon natibu ni man-mafañagu otru lugat siha. Ni man-finu` Chamorro timatuñgu`. Lokue`, gi tutuhun mañega manginen manu siha.

Dispues todu umembrasa fumatta na tautau isla siha. Man-

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banidosu nui tinatten niha maseha manu 'nai mangaige pa'gu. Hana' banidosuyu' este na tinilaika pot ha bira siha tatte giya

Mientras mas mona mas metgot sentimentun siñienten tautau isla. Mauleg ta petsige pot para tapula` mas ke kiñientus años na trahen otru nasion. Maila` ta usa haf` trahita kumu natibu!

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Hagas libre i natibu. Dispues, ti gumera yan Amerikanu gi geran dos. I Japones mumuña. Mapega i natibu gi kelat iya Susupe pot proteksion. Ahe' ti manmatrata kumu prisineru!

Mas propiu na mañasaunau hit gi selebrasion Independence Day i nasionat na gobietnota Estados Unidos De America. Estague` sustansiaña i tafanana`an Liberation Day.

Hombre: Untat "The Question" ha kabronuye para una` dinanche tinige`hu. Lau finu` Eñglis `nai ha planta finanagueña. Hmmm! Hombre, ma'ase' sa' ti hu sentuñgu' fuminu' 'Mukanu lai!

Ha chansa mamana'gue usun señat tat kumu eñge (~). Ha choneg "en-ye" gi eñge `nai malefa ni fuñgsion yan representasion señat eñge. Na ti senat pot ñge mina' tai fuñgsion i un'

Na ti dinancheña i finu' Chamorro gi usun phonetics? Dispues, hagasyu' mañgge', haf na pa'gu dedesnig hau gi hechuran professot karisu? Naufragu!

Makat para un' kontesta finana'guen defunta maestraghu as Nan Che` Torres. Gi karera, sessu hu ekuñgog yan tumaitai tinige' i sigiente siha: Biuhu Elias P. Sablan, William S. Reyes, Maria S. Reyes, Jose S. Pangelinan, Ignacio M. Benavente, tiahu yan tiuhu ni manlagse` gi todu i dos liñguahe. Man-afamau, amtau yan establisau reputasion niha gi linguahen Chamorro gi komunidan iya Marianas.

Chage mañgge' gi finu' Chamorro pot para ta akompara tinige'mu yan haf' hu pluma. Malago'yu' umanalisa inayegmu asuntu, palabra, gramatiku, yan usun rason. Siempre tali'e kau fitme maguaguat finu` Chamorrumu!

Tihu tuñgu' fuminu' Eñglis lai! Ti umaya para un' korihe i Chamorro gi finu` Eñglis. I ya unna setbi mohon i sensian komun sino nagao na niyog! Hagu atoridat finu` Chamorro piot sa` klaru un` fatta na naufragu yan abarambau kinemprendemu?

Ositan: 'Nai masuspecha i paire na guaha ha balistrerekes kumonfisat na mediku ha konsusutta pot chenotña. Sinañgane as tataña, "Ilegña i Saina gi lahe 'tanum simiyamu maseha manu na hatdin. Ha sañgane lokue' i palao'an na unna' seguru na i simiya solu ginen un' lancheru'." Dios mihu kulan ha konfitma i chanseru na kustumbren tanu` pot manliles.

COMEY

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swer outright, is whether the president is guilty of obstructing justice. But the biggest question—the one we can't lose sight of—is where the sketchy trail from Russian operatives who interfered with the last presidential election actually ends?

That may tell us all we need to know about Trump and his fledgling administration. Meanwhile, the jury's still out on Comey, who, for now, has raised more prickly questions than definitive answers. My gut tells me something's not right.

But rather than rushing to judgment, I want to see where the facts take us.

Relishing 'egg salad moments' with friends

he egg salad moments of life are the best: those times where you connect so deeply with somebody that you have exactly the same idea; pick up the phone only to find them already on the line; text each other simultaneously so that your words cross in a network fine as lace, or where you both—without ever mentioning it—bring lunch having prepared precisely the same food even though you've never cooked it, not even once before, in your life.

You've had those moments, right?

About three years ago, I was frantically trying to figure out the blueprint for the last book, trying to write something funny and true, and it was like trying to ice skate on the ocean. I hired one my former students, Krissy, to work with me in the office, paying her minimum wage out-of-pocket to help me keep track of the paperwork and to tell me when something I thought was uniquely hilarious was, in fact, as original and witty as a fortune cookie, except slightly less personal.

I'd known Krissy for years, first as an undergraduate and then as a pal when she'd headed off to AmeriCorps and returned to get her master's degree. She had become a kind of daughter to me and Michael, and was the kind of person who provides the friend version of AAA service: You could call her if you were stuck on the side of the road in the middle of the night—whether figuratively or literally—and she would help get you back on the right road.

Krissy was in the middle of her own drama, figuring out what to do after graduate school, deciding whether to continue her studies or leap into the world of teaching. I kidded that she could afford to make mistakes because she was young; she kidded me about being able to afford mistakes because I was experienced (meaning "old"). Although both statements were true and offered back pats of comfort, we knew they were slightly absurd. We were both anxious.

As the deadline for submitting my manuscript approached, I was rearranging chapters, running titles by friends and grabbing at reassurance with a kind of frantic hope usually reserved for

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people on their way to the gallows instead of on their way to the publishers. Krissy, too, was coming up to her final submissions of paperwork: Should she take the job at the girls' school in another state or remain close to the university and find work as an adjunct?

Due to the miasma of vulnerability hanging over us, I decided to make a particularly nice lunch for us one Monday. I recreated my mother's recipe. A reluctant and begrudging cook, my mother was schooled in food preparation by an unloving and ungenerous mother-in-law; her own mother never taught her. For some reason, however, my mom had mastered the art of egg salad. And yet I'd never made it in my own kitchen. That evening I did. The next morning I bought bread from our local bakery and headed to the basement office with a bag filled with homemade goodness.

Krissy walked in about an hour later. She was carrying an even bigger bag than usual, had a giant smile and a light in her wide blue eyes. "Guess what?" she cried, all enthusiasm. "Egg salad! I made it myself. First time ever!" Had Krissy said "Guess what? I hacked into NASA!" I would've been less surprised.

And yet, of course, I wasn't.

Egg salad moments are the chance collision of ideas, thoughts or emotions between two people who are close but don't occupy the same household. Like a sun shower or a rainbow or a shooting star, or some other easily explained yet rare phenomena that surprise and delight us, they illuminate our lives.

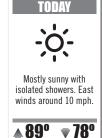
I finished the book and Krissy took the teaching job; we remain the best of friends. We'll still text at the same time and say "Egg salad!" which means, of course, "Guess what? I was just thinking about you." It's what we all need to hear.



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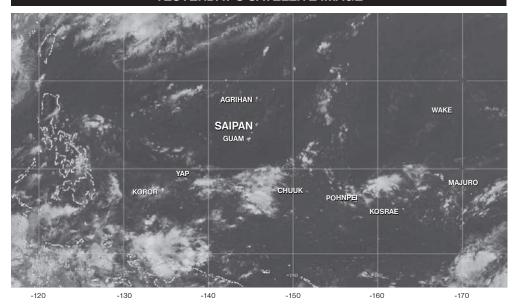


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Winds are expected to remain light to gentle and seas benign. After today, expect more of the same as a series of trade-wind disturbances moves through. Have attempted to time their passage through the Marianas, this will be subject to change though. Little real change in forecast philosophy, just extra detail added to the sky cover grids. Other than this, tweaked the max temps for better agreement with the sky cover grids and refreshed the winds. Little else besides these weak troughs is going on through the forecast period, and no weather related hazards are anticipated.

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Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85 78 °F
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Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	87 82 °F
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Melbourne	Sunny	60 46 °F
Miami	Thunderstorms	85 78 °F
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Business

Treasury: Trump has plan if debt limit not raised by August

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Trump administration has a backup plan to keep the government from defaulting on its financial obligations even if Congress misses an August deadline to raise the debt limit, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told a congressional panel Monday.

Mnuchin had previously set an August deadline for the federal government to avoid a catastrophic default. Mnuchin said he still prefers that Congress increase the government's authority to borrow before lawmakers leave on a five-week break in August.

However, he said he is "comfortable" that the Treasury Department can meet the government's financial obligations through the start of September. Private analysts say Mnuchin probably has even greater leeway.

"If for whatever reason Congress does not act before August we do have back up plans that we can fund the government," Mnuchin said without elaborating. "So I want to make it clear that that is not the timeframe that would create a serious problem."

The federal government technically hit the debt limit in March, but Treasury has been using accounting steps known as "extraordinary measures" to avoid a default.

Shortly before Mnuchin testified, a Washington think tank projected that despite the slowdown in revenues, the government will have enough cash to pay its bills until October or November.

The Bipartisan Policy Center says that revenue results from this month's quarterly tax payments could clarify the deadline, but for now it forecasts that Mnuchin has sufficient maneuvering room to keep the government solvent into the fall. The policy center says a big Oct. 2 payment into the military retirement trust fund could trigger default.

As of Friday, the Treasury had a cash balance of \$148 billion, down from \$204 billion a month ago. The national debt is nearly \$20 trillion, including money owed to several federal programs.

Raising the debt limit has become a politically-charged vote in Congress, even though economists believe that an

For stymied commuters to NYC, ferries could be the next wave

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP)— The easiest way to commute into New York City exchanges asphalt and steel rails for a whiff of salt water and a soaring view of the Manhattan skyline, all in less time than it takes to finish a cup of joe.

It's also the most underused, primarily due to logistics and cost. That could change, though, beginning this summer when ferries will act as a safety valve for New Jersey rail commuters because of disruptions caused by major repair work at New York's Penn Station.

In the long term, while the New York region's tunnels, bridges and railways burst at the seams with no relief in sight for a decade at best, ferries may be the final frontier for commuters sick of clogged roads and a notoriously unreliable and aging rail system.

On the New Jersey side, where a new governor will succeed outgoing Republican Chris Christie in January, change may be in the winds.

"Should the state, particularly a new administration, take a fresh look at how we deal with expanding demand to get across Hudson?" said state Sen. Robert Gordon, vice-chair of a state transportation committee. "Maybe this is the time to think about a whole new approach to ferries."

Ferry service—historically the main mode of transportation for commuters to Manhattan island, now connected to other boroughs and suburbs by bridges and tunnels—has already been expanded for commuters inside New York City. Last month, Mayor Bill de Blasio launched service that will eventually offer six routes between Manhattan and the other boroughs.

City transportation officials say the new ferry fleet will speed up travel time by as much as two-thirds, although plans to spend \$180 million over six years subsidizing fares to keep them the same as a subway ride could be difficult to sustain.

This spring, two derailments at Penn Station, both at very low speed and neither involving serious injuries, sent delays rippling up and down the corridor between Boston and Washington. The second forced local rail lines to drastically cut back service, leaving angry commuters accustomed to regular 15- to 30-minute delays facing double or triple that.

unprecedented default would catastrophic for the economy. Republicans, who control Congress and the White House, are struggling to come up with a strategy to raise the debt limit, with some GOP members demanding spending cuts in exchange for their vote.

But since Republicans have many members who simply refuse to vote for a debt increase, GOP leaders such as Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin may have no choice but to seek help from Democrats, who are demanding that any debt limit hike be "clean" of GOP add-ons.

Lawmakers are trying to deal with the debt limit while at the same time a House panel is beginning work on spending bills to fund the government.

Also Monday, Republicans controlling the House took the first steps to approve President Donald Trump's big budget increase for veterans' health care and the Pentagon.

A House Appropriations panel got the process under way with voice vote approval of an \$89 billion spending bill for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Pentagon construction projects. The bill would give the VA a 5 percent budget hike for the budget year beginning in October as the agency works to improve wait times and correct other problems.

The Defense Department, meanwhile, would receive a \$2 billion, 10 percent increase for military construction projects at bases in both the U.S. and abroad. The measure also funds \$439 million worth of projects such as barracks and target ranges not requested by the administration, which could open Republicans up to charges they are reviving parochial projects known as earmarks.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Secretary of Public Works



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), would like to notify the general public that DPW, will make available for each Senatorial District the Federal-Aid Highway Program, Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) for Fiscal Year 2017 thru 2020. The Federal-Aid Highway Program is a formula grant program that the CNMI Government receives annually from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The goal of this notification is to provide citizens with a better understanding of the transportation decision making process, and encourage community participation in addressing current and future transportation needs such as; roads, bicycle and pedestrian designated facilities, safety, and maintenance of transportation facilities.

The following projects listed in this four year TTIP are:

Phase	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
n/a	FY Administration & Operations	FY Administration & Operations	FY Administration & Operations	FY Administration & Operations
n/a	On the Job Training	On the Job Training	On the Job Training	On the Job Training
n/a	National Summer Transportation Institute	National Summer Transportation Institute	National Summer Transportation Institute	National Summer Transportation Institute
Preliminary Engineering	Route 103 Roadway Improvements Route 317 Gualo Rai Road and Drainage Improvements	Route 24 Resurfacing West Route 27 Road Repair (behind Tinian Dynasty) Route 206 Road Improvement Route 35 Airport Road Improvement Route 316 Savana Road Route 310 Tapochau Road and Drainage Improvements	Route 25 Resurfacing South Route 205 Road Improvement	
Construction	Route 33 Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project, Phase Route 36 Windward/Chalan Kalabera Development — Construction Phase	Route 10 Drainage Upgrade from Pinatang Park to CUC Power Plant, Phase 2 Route 27 Road Repair (behind Tinian Dynasty) Route 33 Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project, Phase 3 (Horiguchi Bldg. to Quarter Master) Route 34 Kagman Road Route 35 Airport Road Improvement —ROW Route 317 Gualo Rai and Drainage Improvements	Route 11 Sabana Road Improvement, Phase 1 Route 24 Resurfacing West Route 30 Chalan Pale Arnold Hazard Elimination Route 33 Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project, Phase 3 (Horiguchi Bldg. to Quarter Master) Route 310 Tapochau Road and Drainage Improvements	Route 11 Sabana Road Improvement, Phase 2 Route 25 Resurfacing South Route 206 Road Improvement Route 33 Beach Road Hazard Elimination Project, Phase 2 (Quarter Master to Chalan Piao)

For comments, suggestions, or questions you can email Mr. Kenn Aldan, Projects Coordinator at kla.dpwtsd@gmail.com and for copies of the scope of work for the above construction projects you can reach the Federal Highway Section at 234-9828 to request to pick one up at their office on the 2nd Floor of the Oleai Joeten Commercial Building.

JAMES A. ADA Secretary of Public Works 14 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Nation

What's next in the legal fight over the travel ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Another appeals court, another defeat for the Trump administration.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday refused to reinstate President Donald Trump's executive order banning travelers from six mostly Muslim countries. A three-judge panel said the administration failed to show that blocking citizens from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen was needed to protect the U.S. The court also found that the president's order ran afoul of an immigration law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of nationality.

Another federal appeals court, the Virginia-based 4th Circuit, last month also refused to reinstate the travel ban, a decision Trump has already appealed to the Supreme Court. Here's a look at how the rulings compare and what might come next.

HOW DO THE RULINGS DIFFER?

Critics of the ban have asserted that the president's order was motivated by anti-Muslim sentiment, in violation of the Constitution's separation of church and state. The 4th Circuit's ruling took that question head-on, agreeing that the ban officially disfavored Islam - as evidenced by Trump's campaign statements calling for a "total and complete shutdown" on Muslims entering the U.S. - and was thus unconstitutional.

But the 9th Circuit sidestepped that question, saying they didn't need to answer it because the legality of the



travel ban could be decided on narrower grounds: It violated immigration law.

While the president has broad authority over immigration, the judges said, to invoke that authority in this case, Trump would have to show the entry of citizens from the six countries would harm the U.S. He made no such showing, they said.

"National security is not a 'talismanic incantation' that, once invoked, can support any and all exercise of executive power," the judges wrote.

By avoiding the question of Trump's motive for banning the travelers, the 9th Circuit avoided a thorny issue about whether courts should consider the president's campaigntrail statements.

The 9th Circuit, however, did not completely ignore the president's statements. The judges pointed to a June 5 tweet by Trump saying the executive order was aimed at "dangerous countries." That helped demonstrate that he was not assessing whether the roughly 180 million citizens of the six countries had ties to terrorism, they said.

WHAT ABOUT THE REFUGEES?

refugee program. In his March ruling striking down the travel ban, a federal judge in Hawaii also held that the suspension of the refugee program was unconstitutional.

The 9th Circuit rebuffed the administration's efforts to reinstate that part of the order as well. The court said the presi-

NEW YORK (AP)—The

dent was required to consult with Congress in setting the number of refugees that would be allowed into the country in a given year and could not decrease that number mid-year.

That issue wasn't before the 4th Circuit, because in the Maryland case it considered, the lower court judge had not Hawaii Attorney General Douglas Chin talks about a U.S. appeals court decision on President Donald Trump's revised travel ban Monday, June 12, 2017 in Honolulu.

struck down the refugee program's suspension.

WHAT COMES NEXT?

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said after Monday's ruling that the ban was necessary to protect national security, and the president was within his lawful authority to enact it.

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer said the administration was confident that the travel ban would be upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The administration has asked the Supreme Court to immediately reinstate the ban on travelers.

At the Supreme Court, anything is possible if you have five votes - a majority of the court. The justices have a range of options in front of them. They could order an unusual June argument and try to resolve the travel ban lawsuits before they leave town for the summer. They also could essentially do nothing, leaving the two appeals court rulings in place.

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In addition to banning travelers from six mostly Muslim nations for 90 days, Trump's executive order called for a suspension of the nation's

global obesity problem now affects 1 in 10 people in the world, it is rising in countries rich and poor, and in many countries it is increasing faster in children than adults, according to a new study. The researchers estimated

more than 107 million children and 603 million adults are obese.

The research found obesity has tripled in children and young adults in countries like China, Brazil and Indonesia. Those numbers are particularly troubling because it means more young people are on track to become obese adults and develop problems like diabetes, heart disease and a range of cancers, some experts said.

The study was led by a team at the University of Washington in Seattle. It was published online Monday by the New England Journal of Medicine and presented at a food science and policy meeting in Stockholm.

Researchers reported on 195 countries, although data was incomplete or nonexistent for many of them. They made assumptions and used mathematical modeling to fill in gaps.

Obesity rising in nations rich and poor, especially in kids

Despite the limitations, "this is the best picture that's out there for global obesity," said Edward Gregg, a diabetes expert at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He wrote an editorial that accompanied the study.

Some of the findings:

- Obesity rates doubled in 73 countries between 1980 and 2015. Countries where obesity did not increase significantly included Afghanistan, Bulgaria, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- Worldwide, about 5 percent of children and 12 percent of adults were obese in 2015. In the U.S. about 17 percent of children and 38 percent of adults are obese, according to earlier CDC estimates.
- Among the 20 largest countries, the United States had the highest level of obesity among children and young adults. Bangladesh had the lowest
- Egypt had the highest rate of obese adults. Vietnam had the lowest.
 - But the United States

had the largest number of obese adults in 2015, with 79 million. China came in second with 57 million obese adults—even though China has more than four times as many people as the U.S.

- China had the largest number of obese children, with 15 million. India had 14 million.
- Globally, about 4 million deaths were attributed to being overweight or obese in 2014, from causes like heart disease and diabetes.

Some good news is that improvements in medications and other kinds of health-care seem to be helping people survive longer even if they have weight-related health problems. Researchers did not find an increase in weight-related rates of death and disability, Gregg observed.

But with obesity levels rising, there is a pressing need for better nutrition and other efforts to prevent unhealthy weight gain, said one of the authors, said Dr. Ashkan Afshin, the study's lead author.

Unfortunately, "there is no single simple solution for the problem of overweight and obesity," he said.

Fresh questions for Sessions—and he'll answer in public **WASHINGTON** (AP)—At- twice in the months before the people to hear the truth direct-

WASHINGTON (AP)—Attorney General Jeff Sessions, facing fresh questions about his Russian contacts during the election campaign and his role in the firing of James Comey, will be interrogated in a public hearing by former Senate colleagues on Tuesday.

The appearance before the Senate intelligence committee comes one week after former FBI Director Comey cryptically told lawmakers the bureau had expected Sessions to recuse himself weeks before he did from an investigation into contacts between Trump campaign associates and Russia during the 2016 election.

Sessions, a close campaign adviser to Donald Trump and the first senator to endorse him, stepped aside from the investigation in early March after acknowledging he had spoken twice in the months before the election with the Russian ambassador to the United States. He said under oath at his January confirmation hearing that he had not met with Russians during the campaign.

Since then, lawmakers have raised questions about a possible third meeting at a Washington hotel, though the Justice Department has said that did not happen.

Sessions on Saturday said he would appear before the intelligence committee, which has been doing its own investigation into Russian contacts with the Trump campaign. There had been some question as to whether the hearing would be open to the public, but the Justice Department said Monday he requested it be so because he "believes it is important for the American

people to hear the truth directly from him." The committee shortly after said the hearing would be open.

The hearing will bring sharp questioning for Sessions and likely some uncomfortable moments from the Trump administration.

Sessions is likely to be asked about his conversations with Ambassador Sergey Kislyak and whether there were more encounters that should have been made public. And he can expect questions about his involvement in Comey's May 9 firing, the circumstances surrounding his decision to recuse himself from the FBI's investigation, and whether any of his actions-such as interviewing candidates for the FBI director position or meeting with Trump about Comey-violated his recusal pledge.

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Asia

Rodman says 'trying to open door' in N. Korea

BEIJING (AP)—Former NBA bad boy Dennis Rodman said Tuesday that he is "just trying to open a door" by going to North Korea in his first visit since President Donald Trump took office.

Rodman, who has made several trips to the country, sported a black T-shirt advertising a marijuana cybercurrency as he headed toward immigration at Beijing airport, from where he is expected to fly to Pyongyang, the North Korean capital.

Asked if he had spoken to U.S. President Donald Trump about his trip, he said: "Well, I'm pretty sure he's pretty much happy with the fact that I'm over here trying to accomplish something that we both need."

Rodman has received the red-carpet treatment on each of his past visits but has been roundly criticized for doing so during a time of high tensions



between the U.S. and North Korea over its weapons pro-

His entourage included Joseph Terwilliger, a professor who has accompanied Rodman on previous trips to North

several Americans currently detained by North Korea is "not my purpose right now."

In Tokyo, a visiting senior U.S. official said Rodman's trip is as a private citizen.

"We are aware of his visit. We wish him well, but we Rodman said the issue of have issued travel warnings to Former NBA basketball player Dennis Rodman arrives at Beijing Capital International Airport in Beijing, Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

Americans suggested they not travel to North Korea for their own safety," U.S. Undersecretary of State Thomas Shannon told reporters after discussing the North Korea missile threat and other issues with Japanese counterparts.

In 2014, Rodman arranged a basketball game with other former NBA players and North Koreans and regaled

leader Kim Jong Un with a rendition of "Happy Birthday." On the same trip, he suggested an American missionary was at fault for his own imprisonment in North Korea, remarks for which he later apologized.

A foreign ministry official who spoke to the AP in Pyongyang confirmed Rodman was expected to arrive Tuesday but could not provide details. He spoke on condition of anonymity because the ministry had not issued a formal statement. CNN reported earlier that Rodman was at the Beijing airport.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **francisco C. Ada/Saipan international airport passenger loading bridges replacement,** Saipan, of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-87/XX.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Passenger Loading Bridges Replacement for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0002-87" and submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., Friday, JULY 21, 2017, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to removal and replacement of three existing passenger boarding bridges at Gates 2, 3, and 6 at the Saipan International Airport with new apron-drive bridges including all associated work, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY (580) calendar days if awarded all three bridges. Duration may adjust based on funding availability which will determine number of bridges to be replaced.

Liquidated damages in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications

A CD-ROM containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of <u>TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)</u> for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at <u>10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 7,</u> 2017. at the Saipan Airport Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders are required to attend the pre-bid meeting. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO **Executive Director**

Date: June 9, 2017

PH flag raised on Independence Day in war-torn city

MARAWI. **Philippines** (AP)—Filipinos marked their country's Independence Day by raising the national flag Monday in a southern city where troops pressed assaults to quell a three-week siege by Islamic State group-aligned militants that has left 270 combatants and civilians dead.

Many were teary-eyed during the flag-raising ceremonies at the heavily guarded city hall and provincial capital building in Marawi, the heartland of the Islamic faith in the country's south, where hundreds of gunmen went on a deadly rampage on May 23.

Blasts from airstrikes thudded in the distance during the

While the flag-raising was mainly to mark Independence Day, it also symbolized the reclaiming of city hall and other areas of Marawi by government forces. Policemen roamed a community that troops had wrested back from the militants and festooned abandoned houses with small flags.

Marawi Mayor Majul Gandamra fought back tears as he thanked troops, police and volunteers in the crisis that has turned parts of the previously tranquil lakeside city of more than 200,000 people, most of whom have fled the fighting, into a smoldering battlefield.

Villager Janisah Ampao, who fled her home with her husband and two children when the fighting broke out telephone. "Our city is in rulast month, felt a sense of relief and pride when she saw the flag being raised at the provincial capital building. She has been living with other evacuees in a nearby government building that has been turned into an emergen-

"I don't know how we can re-start our lives after the fighting," Ampao said by ins, all the people have gone and the stores are closed. I saw on TV that our village has been destroyed."

Facing the worst crisis in his yearlong presidency, President Rodrigo Duterte canceled an annual Independence Day diplomatic reception at the presidential palace and skipped a flag-raising ceremony in Manila.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING

This Notice is paid by NMHC with HUD funds.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) s the designated Public Housing Authority (PHA) authorized to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program in the CNMI. Federal guidelines provide that the CNMI prepare a PHA Annual Plan for the upcoming fiscal year. NMHC has completed the draft FY 2018 PHA Annual Plan and would like to inform the general public that:

- NMHC will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from the public for the FY 2018 PHA Annual Plan on July 12, 2017, 3:00 p.m. at NMHC's Conference Room located at the main office in Garapan, Saipan; and
- NMHC will open the public comment period from May 31, 2017 through July 12, 2017; written comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on July 12, 2017 to:
 - Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Attn: FY 2018 PHA Annual Plan P.O. Box 500514 Saipan, MP 96950

Any interested persons wishing to express their views on the draft FY 2018 PHA Annual Plan may do so by either attending the public hearing or by submitting written comments to NMHC. Copies of the draft FY 2018 PHA Annual Plan are available for viewing on our website at www.nmhcgov.net and during normal business hours at the NMHC Main Office in Saipan, as well as the field offices or

> For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

> > /s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangement please contact Ms. Jocelyn Seman at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

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World

Thousands rally across Russia in new challenge to Kremlin

MOSCOW (AP)—Tens of thousands of protesters held anti-corruption rallies across Russia on Monday in a new show of defiance by an opposition that the Kremlin had once dismissed as ineffectual and marginalized.

More than a thousand were arrested-including opposition leader and protest organizer Alexei Navalny, who was seized outside his Moscow residence while heading to the rally in the city center and sentenced to 30 days in jail several hours later.

The Moscow protest was the most prominent in a string of more than 100 rallies in cities and towns stretching through all 11 of Russia's time zones—from the Pacific to the European enclave of Kaliningrad—with many denouncing President Vladimir Putin.

Thousands of angry demonstrators thronged to Tverskaya Street, a main avenue in the capital, chanting "Down with the czar" and singing the Russian national anthem.

The protests coincided with Russia Day, a national holiday that this year brought out historical re-enactors, some of them dressed in medieval costumes. At one point, the Moscow demonstration featured an unlikely scene of about 5,000 protesters rallying next to an enclosure with geese, a medieval catapult and bearded men in homemade tunics and carrying wooden shields.

The re-enactors watched the rally before riot police broke up the crowd and randomly seized the protesters.

Over 800 people were arrested in Moscow, while in St. Petersburg, about 500 were forced into police buses at an unsanctioned rally that drew up to 10,000 people. Navalny was taken to court Monday evening and sentenced to 30 days in jail shortly after mid-



Police detain a protester during anti corruption rally in St. Petersburg, Russia, Monday, June 12, 2017.

night for repeated violations of the law on public gatherings.

"The scope of the rallies was amazing, and so many people came out," Navalny told reporters shortly before he was sentenced, point to protest rallies held in towns which have not seen any public show of discontent for decades.

In his trademark humor, Navalny lamented on Twitter shortly before he was led out of the courtroom that he would have to skip a Depeche Mode concert while he is in jail.

The demonstrators appeared to skew predominantly younger—those who were born or grew up during Putin's 17 years in power. Similar crowds turned out on March

26, rattling officials who had perceived the younger generation as largely apolitical.

Three 16-year-old girls brought sheets of paper to the Moscow protest and sat on the pavement to write the articles of the Russian Constitution on them; a nearby group of teenagers climbed atop of a tent with posters saying, "Corruption kills the future." Other protesters scaled a scaffold and hung a sign saying, "Only revolution will defeat corruption."

School and university staff who reportedly reprimanded their students for attending the March protests warned them against going to Monday's rally.

Ivan Sukhoruchenkov, 19, attended anyway with four

university classmates to protest what he described as "stagnation of the political system."

'Change is always good," Sukhoruchenkov said, adding that he and his friends were concerned about corruption-Navalny's rallying cry—that "manifests itself in all areas: from traffic police to university professors."

Navalny had called the anticorruption demonstrations, and they drew crowds of several dozen to the 10,000 in St. Petersburg. Some of the rallies were sanctioned by authorities and peaceful, but police cracked down brutally on oth-

Although it was not im-

his intentions to run.

officials had Moscow agreed to allow Navalny's rally, but late Sunday, he said official interference had prevented contractors from erecting a stage at the agreedupon venue and instead urged demonstrators to gather on Tverskaya Street, which was closed to traffic for the Russia Day festivities.

Most of the Moscow protesters appeared to be under 30, although there was a sizeable number of middle-aged people and couples with children.

With opposition sentiment strong or even growing, authorities appear to be seeking a strategy to undermine the opposition without provoking more animosity.

Authorities allowed the unsanctioned rally to proceed, although riot police cut the crowd in half and began pushing the lines while grabbing some people from the crowd. Some of the arrests were violent with police using batons and dragging people along the street.

In Washington, White House press secretary Sean Spicer told reporters the United States "strongly condemns the detention of hundreds of peaceful protesters" which he described as an "affront to core democratic values." Spicer called on the Russian government to immediately release all peaceful protesters.

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mediately clear if Monday's

protests were larger than those

in March, they underlined the

deep dismay with the govern-

ment. Putin is expected to seek

another term in 2018, and Na-

valny has already announced

UN approves EU ships to seize illegal arms off Libya

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Monday to allow the European Union's maritime force to seize illegal weapons off Libya's coast for another year, a move aimed at helping restore peace to the deeply divided north African nation. The British-drafted resolution authorizes EU ships in Operation Sophia to stop vessels on the high seas off Libya's coast suspected of smuggling arms in violation of a U.N. arms embargo. Operation Sophia is also charged with seizing migrant-smuggling vessels. Italy's Deputy Foreign Minister Vincenzo Amendola told the council after the vote that by speaking with one voice the members again showed their "strong commitment to the stability and security of Libya." He said the council also "emphasized the importance of working together to protect the country from the threat posed by the combination of terrorism and proliferation of weapons."

Latvian man extradited to US in alleged hacking scheme

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A Latvian man has made an initial appearance in U.S. federal court for his alleged involvement in a hacking scheme that caused internet users to lose millions of dollars. Twenty-eight-year-old Peteris Sahurovs was indicted in 2011 in a "scareware" scheme that targeted the Minneapolis Star Tribune's website. The indictment says Sahurovs and an accomplice created a phony advertising agency and bought ads on startribune.com, then infected computer users who visited the site with malware. The affected computer users were tricked into buying purported antivirus software. The scheme generated more than \$2 million. Sahurovs was arrested in Latvia in June 2011 but fled after a Latvian court released him. He was arrested in Poland last fall and extradited to the U.S. The federal defender's office will represent him, but he hasn't yet been assigned an attorney.

Report: IS chemical weapons capability degraded

BEIRUT (AP)—The siege of year, as opposed to 13 allega-U.S.-led coalition airstrikes have significantly degraded the Islamic State's production capability, although the group likely retains expertise to produce small batches of sulfur mustard and chlorine agents, a London-based analysis group said Tuesday.

In a new report, IHS Markit said there has been a major reduction in IS' use of chemical weapons outside the northern Iraqi city. It has recorded one alleged use of chemical weapons by the group in Syria this

Mosul and targeted killings of tions in the previous six months. chemical weapons experts in All other recorded allegations of IS using chemical agents in 2017 have been in Iraq—nine of them inside Mosul and one in Divala province, it said.

"The operation to isolate and recapture the Iraqi city of Mosul coincides with a massive reduction in Islamic State chemical weapons use in Syria," said Columb Strack, senior Middle East analyst at IHS Markit.

"This suggests that the group has not established any further chemical weapons production sites outside Mosul,

although it is likely that some specialists were evacuated to Syria and retain the expertise."

IS has lost more than half the territory it once controlled in Iraq. It's now fighting to defend a cluster of western neighborhoods in Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city. Mosul is the last major urban area held by the group in Iraq, and is believed to be at the heart of its efforts to produce chemical weapons.

IHS Markit says the militant group has been accused of using chemical weapons at least 71 times since July 2014 in Iraq and Syria. Most of these involved either the use of chlorine or sulfur mustard agents, delivered with mortars, rockets and IEDs.

The report released Tuesday says the continuing chemical weapons attacks in Mosul most likely draw on remaining stockpiles in the city.

It warned, however, that the extremist group likely retains the capability to produce small batches of low quality chlorine and sulfur mustard agents elsewhere. It could use such agents to enhance the psychological impact of suicide car bombings in urban areas or in terrorist attacks abroad.

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Focus

By MIKE SCHNEIDER and TERRANCE HARRIS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Church bells tolled 49 times, a giant rainbow flag hung from a county government building and the names of the victims of the Pulse nightclub attack were read aloud at various ceremonies Monday as people in Orlando and beyond remembered the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

At 2:02 a.m., survivors, victims' families, club employees and local officials were gathered for a private service at the gay club at the exact time Omar Mateen opened fire a year ago and pledged allegiance to the Islamic State. He was eventually killed by police after a three-hour standoff on June 12, 2016.

"I realize that gathering here in this place, at this hour, is beyond difficult," Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer said. "But I also know that the strength you've shown over the past year will carry you through to-day and in the future."

The service began what would be almost 24 hours of solemn remembrances. During a midday service, the Orlando Gay Chorus performed Cyndi Lauper's "True Colors" and speakers talked less about the tragedy and more about how Orlando area residents came together in the aftermath.

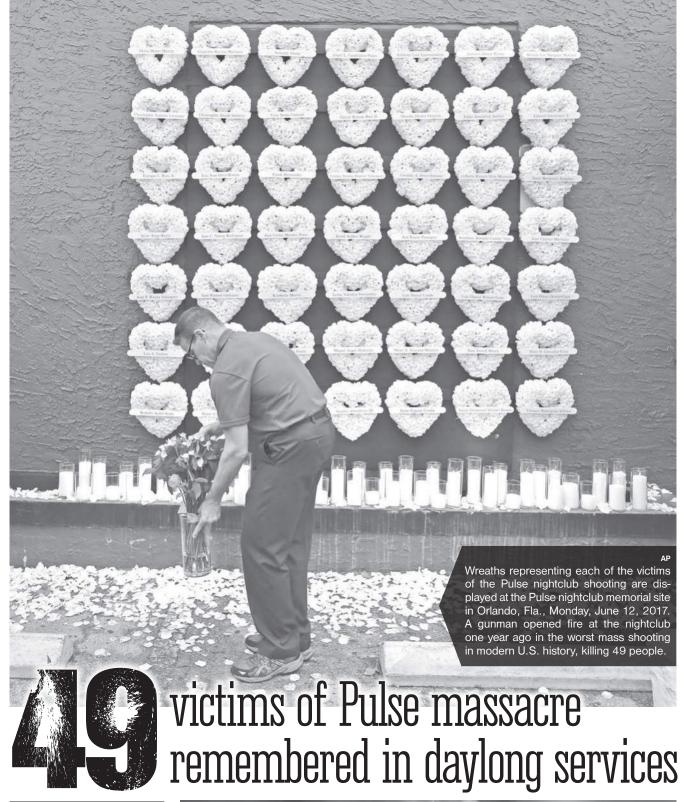
Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs said the city will only partly be remembered for the shooting. Most of the patrons killed were gay Latinos.

"That will be a part of the history books, but the true legacy of our community is going to be in our darkest hour we responded with love and compassion and unity," Jacobs said.

At noon, church bells throughout the Orlando area rang 49 times. Gov. Rick Scott ordered U.S. flags around Florida to be flown at half-staff and a gay-pride flag was unveiled at the Orange County government building.

In the evening, rain didn't deter thousands of people from showing up at a remembrance in downtown Orlando in front of an amphitheater that was painted in gay-pride rainbow colors after the massacre. City officials estimated that 15,000 people showed up for the ceremony during which individuals dressed as angels with white billowing wings took the stage as the names of the 49 people killed were read.

At the last service, a latenight ceremony attended by hundreds of people outside the nightclub, Pulse owner Barbara Poma said she had wanted to start and end the





one-year commemoration of the tragedy at the nightclub she had opened in memory of her brother.

"It truly means the absolute world to me to see all of you here," said Poma, who plans to open a memorial at the Pulse site.



Angel Ayala, left, and girlfriend Carla Montanez lean on each other during a community gathering at the Pulse nightclub memorial site in Orlando, Fla., Monday, June 12, 2017

Earlier in the day, Poma said when people ask her what has changed in her life since the tragedy, she tells them "everything." But she said she is grateful for the outpouring of support. She plans to build a memorial at the site of the nightclub, which has been closed since the tragedy.

"I miss Pulse," she said. "I miss everything it stood for."

President Donald Trump tweet out a photo of the victims and said: "We will NEV-ER FORGET the victims who lost their lives one year ago today in the horrific #Pulse-

NightClub shooting. #OrlandoUnitedDay."

Local leaders said Mateen's hateful act caused an outpouring of love from Orlando and the wider world.

"What a terrorist tries to do is divide us," U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson said. "Isn't it interesting it had the opposite effect? It brought us together in unity and love."

Outside Pulse, hundreds of people dropped off flowers, drawings and cards.

"It still hurts, it's still very raw," said Erin Anderson, a friend and former co-worker of Pulse victim Xavier Serrano Rosado.

Jeannine Williams used to live within walking distance of Pulse and was a frequent visitor. She had made plans to be there the night of the shooting but decided to go another night club.

"A year later I think the thing that is most important is this community and why I live here and why I'm so happy to live here," Williams said through tears. "The support we not only have from our city government, it's not fleeting support, it's not support on certain days. It's the way the community is. This is Orlando. This is why I just love living here."

Next door to the club, an anti-gay protester was pushed to the ground by an officer and handcuffed as the crowd chanted "love conquers hate." Local television stations showed police officers talking to two protesters with an anti-gay sign and wearing anti-gay slogans on their shirts, as the men argued with the officers that they had a right to be there.

An officer can be seen holding out his hand to keep one of the men from walking any further as the man pushes back against his hand. Moments later, the officer pushes the man back and the man falls down. Spokeswomen for the police and city didn't return an email or phone call, and it was unknown if the man was taken into custody or charged.

A steady stream of visitors came by the Orange County Regional History Center to see an exhibit of memorial items, including 49 crosses with the victims' names and photos attached.

"The crosses were incredibly impactful," said Monique Stewart, an Orlando resident. "I feel like every piece that they collected was deliberate and serves a point and it just ties back to remembering those 49 people and spreading love."

Mateen's wife, Noor Salman, is facing charges of aiding and abetting and obstruction in federal court. She has pleaded not guilty to helping her husband.

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Good Housekeeping

On Gardening:

African blood lily, most stunning of all bulbs

By NORMAN WINTER TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

he first time I saw the African blood lily was at a flower show in Atlanta. I was stunned at its size and beauty, and I put it on my ever-growing bucket list of must have flowers. Now thanks to my innovative Horticulture Coordinator Jamie Burghardt, I along with the throngs of visitors to the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens get to relish in their beauty every year.

The African blood lily is known botanically as Scadoxus multiflorus, a change from the Haemanthus multiflorus. It is in the Amarvllis family and is indeed native to South Africa. A lot of literature suggests perennial only for zones 9-11, but it is not hard to find long term trials where it is surviving in zone 7-b with great winter drainage.

This is particularly true for the subspecies Katherinae. Sometimes this is referred to as Katherine's torch lily. Most think that the common name blood lily somehow references the vibrant color of the blooms, but it refers to the bulbs looking as though blood had dripped on their sides. In addition to blood lily, other common names are fireball lily, powderpuff lily, and football lilv.

Our expanding patch or clump is now three years old. It has been surprising to see the dramatic increase in size and the number of flower stalks in such a short amount of time, especially from reports that they like to be rootbound to bloom. Ours are growing on a lakeside shoreline in our shade garden. They get morning sun and afternoon shade, and while the soil is not the most fertile, it does have excellent drainage.

The flowers have large 6-inch umbels or softball sized globes borne on stalks about 12- to 18-inches in height. Each sphere, if you will, has dozens of red florets with yellow stamens. This creates one of the showiest floral displays in the plant

The African blood lily bulb is planted deep enough so that the top of the neck is above the soil surface. If you are like us and buy container-grown plants, then place height.

Don't forget at best we are

talking a zone 7b plant with

the subspecies Katherinae so

The African blood lily forms

6-inch umbels or globes with

The African blood lily variety

subspecies Katherinae has

been known to perennialize in

dozens of red florets. ▶

zone 7b. ▼

in the well-prepared bed with the top of the root ball even with the surface of the ground. This is one flower that deserves to be clustered in a group of 5 to 7 spacing 10- to- 12 inches to create a dazzling traffic-stopping

The African blood

lily blooms reach

12 to 18 inches in

Your landscape partners are only limited by your imagination. The cluster of fiery, red globes standout against a backdrop of green foliage. Within proximity of our cluster, we have large farfugium or giant leopard plants as well

The foliage of the African blood lily though much smaller does have that texture or similarity with bananas and even some gingers, so a tropical style garden of coarse foliage would partner well. Clusters of blood lilies, however, blooming with the deep-blue spikes of Mystic Spires salvia and Goldsturm rudbeckia would create a cottage garden long remembered.

in containers. An image search on the internet will show you scores of dazzling photos proving the concept. If you are, however, in a colder zone, whether in containers or the landscape reducing water and moving to a warm winter location will be mandatory. The bulbs can be easily dug up

you may elect to grow them and stored in dry peat for the winter rest.

> The African Blood lily doesn't have to be just a plant you dream about growing or even that you have to wait until you move to California or the Deep South. You can get it growing now and then show off your blooms to your gardening friends.







The African

blood lily is also known as

football lily.

fireball lily and

Hawaiian Grilfed Shrimp Salad

et a taste of island life with this refreshing salad that features grilled shrimp, pineapple, cashews and cucumber dressed in a unique blend of Asian flavors.

in water at least 15 minutes.

2. In medium bowl, toss shrimp with ginger and 2 teaspoons sesame oil until well-coated. Let stand 10 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, thread 1. Prepare grill for direct pineapple onto skewers; grilling on medium-high. If grill 6 minutes or until

using bamboo skewers, soak lightly charred, turning occasionally. Thread shrimp onto skewers; grill 2 to 4 minutes or until opaque throughout, turning over once. Transfer skewers to cutting board; remove pineapple and shrimp. Coarsely chop pineapple.

4. In large bowl, whisk

together vinegar, canola oil, soy sauce, wasabi and remaining 2 teaspoons sesame oil. Add lettuce, cucumber, red onion, pineapple, and shrimp; toss until wellcombined. Divide among 4 serving plates. Top with cashews. Makes 4 main-dish servings.

TIP: Sweeten onions with a 10-minute soak in ice wa-

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Metal or bamboo skewers 11/4 pounds large shrimp

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger 4 teaspoons toasted sesame oil

3 tablespoons rice vinegar

2 cups pineapple

2 tablespoons canola oil

1 tablespoon soy sauce

2 teaspoons wasabi paste

1 head Boston lettuce

1 seedless (English) cucumber

1/2 small red onion

1/3 cup chopped salted cashews

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Life & Style

Don't even try to pigeonhole Rachel Weisz

By COLIN COVERT STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

With her wide-ranging flair for serious drama, absurd comedy, nail-biting crime stories, legal thrillers and romantic roles of all categories, Rachel Weisz may be the most unclassifiable marquee actress in cinema today. She appears in more types of movies than is mathematically possible.

That chameleon finesse continues in her latest role. In the Gothic romance "My Rachel," which opened Friday, she plays an enigmatic 19th-century beauty who may have murdered her wealthy husband. From scene to scene, she transforms from wrongly accused innocent to seductress to ruthless menace and back again.

Enticing and utterly unpredictable, this "witch" keeps the film's cast of characters and viewers guessing right

until the unnerving climax. The film is based on a novel by Daphne du Maurier, whose macabre works also inspired the films "Don't Look Now," "Rebecca" and "The Birds."

In a recent phone conversation, Weisz said she was drawn to the role in part because "if there is a problem in the depiction of women, it's that the stories rob them of any complexity."

She added, "You and I know that in life women are very complicated people. Somehow in film it can get a little reductive. It's great to have a lead role where there are layers."

She likes that viewers are kept guessing about the character's true nature.

"It's a great narrative choice," she said.

"It keeps the story very emotional because people watching it are absolutely sure they're right whether she's a bad person or a good person."



Sam Claflin and Rachel Weisz in the film, "My Cousin Rachel."

NICOLA DOVE/FOX SEARCHLIGHT

The same applies to the film's period setting, which allows the story to create layers of old-school mystery that wouldn't suit a contemporary chiller. Weisz has played women across thousands of years of history without choosing a particular era where she feels most at home.

"I don't mind whether it's set in the past, present or future. It's just the story that interests me. It's wonderful to be in a period film because you have different textures and horses and sidesaddle and corsets and costumes. And I like these quite modern, edgy, taboo subjects, a woman who might be a murderess and who's sexually free when she wants to be free.

That's more interesting set in 1860 than 1960."

Her Hollywood debut as Brendan Fraser's damsel in distress in 1999's horror blockbuster "The Mummy" gave the film a delightful dose of camp humor. No sooner is the beautiful but clumsy librarian introduced than she accidentally knocks over every single bookcase in the Museum of Antiquities domino-style.

The hit movie made her a star, a status she quickly made use of. Deciding on "how the character meets the story and how the story meets the director," she has partnered with some of the most exciting and exotic filmmakers on the international stage, from Wong Kar-wai (2007's "My Blueberry Nights") to Peter Jackson ("The Lovely Bones"

Brazilian director Fernando Meirelles' adaptation of the politically charged John le Carre novel "The Constant Gardener" won her an Oscar in 2006. In Greek writer/director Yorgos Lanthimos' "The Lobster," which was released in the United States last year, she shared a strange comic dystopian romance with Colin Farrell, who needed to win her heart to prevent his transformation into the titular crustacean.

"Film is such a director's medium. You do your performance and then there's the footage and the director has to put it together. That's an incredibly hard thing to do, to put a movie together, set a tone and tell a story. So I try to just work with directors who are really talented, who take risks and are bold. Because why not? It's hard to make an original film. People underestimate it."

It doesn't always work as planned. After shooting a week for Terrence Malick's "To the Wonder," the famously fickle filmmaker left her work on the cutting-room floor.

"The experience was very, very interesting. I got to work with Terrence Malick. You didn't get to see it, but I know what it was like. He often shoots more than he'll use, and I went in knowing there was a good possibility it would happen," she said. "I didn't enjoy it (getting dropped from the final cut). It wasn't pleasant. But it wasn't unexpected."

Such creative experiences are essentially what Weisz works for. "I'm not for sale," she said. What she seeks is "the fulfillment of meeting a challenge."

She added, "It's very scary to be performing. It's like, 'Am I going to come up with the goods, will I be able to do it?' Every time it feels like a crapshoot, and that's interesting. It's kind of like the carrot keeps moving in front of you. I never felt I've figured it out, that I really know how to do this. It's a moving feast and constantly challenging and therefore constantly rewarding."

Megyn Kelly says important to 'shine a light' on Alex Jones

NEW YORK (AP)—Megyn courage Jones' followers who Kelly defended her decision to feature "Infowars" host Alex Jones on her NBC newsmagazine despite taking heat Monday from families of Sandy Hook shooting victims and others, saying it's her job to "shine a light" on newsmakers.

Critics argue that NBC's platform legitimizes the views of a man who, among other conspiracy theories, has suggested that the killing of 26 people at the Sandy Hook Elemen-

Kelly

tary School in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012 was a hoax. The network released a brief portion of the interview, which is scheduled to air on Sunday.

Kelly, who interviewed Russian President Vladimir Putin on the June 4 premiere of "Sunday Night with Megyn Kelly," said on Twitter that President Donald Trump has praised Jones and been on his show. Since many people don't know Jones and his views, Kelly noted the importance of explaining them. NBC hasn't immediately commented on the criticism.

Marquez-Greene, Nelba whose 6-year-old daughter Ana Grace was killed at Sandy Hook, said she fears that giving Jones exposure would enhave harassed her and others.

'You can't just put him in a box and say he's just a character," Marquez-Greene said. "He's really hurting people."

A year ago, a New York City man who was a follower of Jones was sentenced to probation after approaching a sister

> of slain Sandy Hook teacher Victoria Soto during a charity road race and claiming angrily the shootings never took place. On Facebook, Soto's family said the "incessant need for ratings at

the cost of the emotional wellbeing of our family is disgusting and disappointing."

Kristin Lemkau, marketing officer for JPMorgan Chase, tweeted that "as an advertiser, I'm repulsed that Megyn Kelly would give a second of airtime" to Jones. The company would not comment on later published reports that it had asked for its commercials not to be on the show.

A writer at the conservative website Red State, Andrea Kutz, wondered, "what is Megyn Kelly thinking?"

"I'm a news and politicsengaged individual," Kutz said, "but I don't care to watch interviews with liars of either Putin's or Jones's ilk. These interviews aren't interesting even in the abstract."

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)-The families of some Sandy Hook shooting victims are angered that NBC is airing an interview by Megyn Kelly with a conspiracy theorist who has claimed the massacre never happened.

Nelba Marquez-Greene, whose 6-year-old daughter, Ana Grace, was among the 26 people killed in the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, said Monday that she fears the NBC interview with "Infowars" host Alex Jones will encourage other conspiracy theorists who have harassed her and accused her of being part of a hoax.

"Any time you give someone like Alex Jones a platform, their followers will double-down or increase their attack on grieving families," Marquez-Greene said. "You can't just put him in a box and say he's just a character. He's really hurting people."

The interview by Kelly, who formerly worked at Fox News, is scheduled to air Sunday, which is also Father's Day. On Twitter, Kelly responded to criticism by noting that President Donald Trump, a Republican, has praised Jones' show and by saying it was her job to "shine a light."

An NBC representative had no immediate comment.

The interview comes in the wake of a guilty plea last week of a Florida woman who threatened a father of one Sandy Hook victim. Lucy Richards, who had cited the hoax theory in her threats, was sentenced to five months in prison.

A year ago, a New York City man was sentenced to probation after approaching a sister of slain Sandy Hook teacher Victoria Soto during a charity road race and angrily claiming the shootings never took place.

Soto's family says Matthew



In this Monday, April 17, 2017 photo. "Infowars" host Alex Jones arrives at the Travis County Courthouse in Austin, Texas.

Mills was a follower of Jones. The family members expressed their anger with NBC and Kelly in a Facebook post.

"Alex and his followers have done nothing but make our lives a living hell for the last 4 1/2 years," they said. "This incessant need for ratings at the cost of the emotional well-being of our family

is disgusting and disappointing. You should be ashamed of yourselves for allowing this behavior."

The harassment of Marquez-Greene has included a woman asking her on social media if she had actually sold her daughter to a child trafficking ring. Another man asked to see pictures of Ana Grace's dead body as proof the shooting happened.

Marquez-Greene said Kelly should at least give Sandy Hook families equal time on her show and promote some of the charity work they've been doing to remember the lives of their loved ones. She said the media also need to learn to honor the families' grief.

"There are two things people need to grieve in a healthy way, and that's a sense of safety and a sense of control," said Marquez-Greene, who is a licensed family therapist. "Having this buffoon on her show really interferes with both of those.'

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Theater refuses to buckle after 'Caesar' Trump criticism

NEW YORK (AP)—The Public Theater is refusing to back down after backlash over its production of "Julius Caesar" that portrays a Donald Trump-like dictator in a business suit with a long tie who gets knifed to death onstage.

Delta Air Lines and Bank of America have pulled their sponsorship of the Public's version of the play, but in a statement Monday the theater said it stands behind the production. It noted its staging has "provoked heated discussion" but "such discussion is exactly the goal of our civically-engaged theater; this discourse is the basis of a healthy democracy."

Other defenders included Scott M. Stringer, the New York City comptroller, who wrote letters to the heads of Delta and Bank of America, arguing that dropping their support "sends the wrong message." He writes: "Art matters. The First Amendment matters. Expression matters." He enclosed copies of the play with the letters.

"I hope you enjoy it—it is a classic, in any age," he wrote. Before Monday night's performance, the play's direc-

NEW YORK (AP)—For

baker Ashley Holt, nothing

about this design competition

was a piece of cake. And that's

Holt, the owner of a Brook-

lyn cake studio, won Best

in Show at the annual New

York Cake Show on Sunday

with a life-size replica of a

bright red, high-heeled, over-

the-knee boot, complete with

gelatin sequins.

actually including the cake.



In this May 21, 2017, file photo provided by The Public Theater, Tina Benko, left, portrays Melania Trump in the role of Caesar's wife, Calpurnia, and Gregg Henry, center left, portrays President Donald Trump in the role of Julius Caesar during a dress rehearsal of The Public Theater's Free Shakespeare in the Park production of Julius Caesar in New York. Teagle F. Bougere, center right, plays as Casca, and Elizabeth Marvel, right, as Marc Anthony. Delta Air Lines is pulling its sponsorship of New York's Public Theater for portraying Julius Caesar as the Donald Trump look-alike in a business suit who gets knifed to death on stage, according to its statement Sunday, June 11, 2017.

tor, Oskar Eustis, delivered a statement, which he urged audience members to record on their cellphones.

"Neither Shakespeare nor The Public Theater could possibly advocate violence as a solution to political problems

Broadway musical "Kinky

Boots," in keeping with the

theme, took Holt about four

months of on-and-off work to

make. While the decorations

are edible, there's no cake

underneath; it's meant to be

the night of the show just to

get it all done," Holt said after

"I slept 30 minutes before

looked at, not eaten.

Broadway

competition's

and certainly not assassination," he said.

This modern-day Caesar's violent death at the hands of conspirators comes not long after comedian Kathy Griffin was widely condemned for posing for a photograph in

of Lisa Mansour, whose fam-

ily has a history in the pro-

fessional cake decorating

business. Onlookers can see

demonstrations of decorating

principles, like making flow-

ers, and of course ogle all the

Among the other cakes were

designs referencing shows including "Wicked," 'The Lion King," 'Beauty and the Beast" and "Phantom of the

over-the-top designs.

which she gripped a bloodied rendering of Trump's head.

Though the Public's version of William Shakespeare's classic play is unchanged from its 400-year-old original, the production portrays Caesar with a gold bathtub and a

'Kinky Boots' cake wins Best in Show at design competition shows, like the collection of carnivorous plants in their or-

> The Cake Show, now in its fifth year, had almost 200 entries, and "every year, they're getting better and better," Mansour said.

> ange pots entered to represent

"Little Shop of Horrors," got

their due as well.

Holt agreed: "The level of nomenal, so it is a humongous

talent under this roof is phehonor," she said.

The entry, a nod to the The show is the brainchild Opera." Previous Broadway Road warriors James Taylor, Bonnie Raitt team up this summer

NEW YORK (AP)—James Taylor might just be the happiest road warrior touring today, so what makes him happier?

Bringing on old friend Bonnie Raitt this summer for concerts that include the ultimate in Americana, some of the

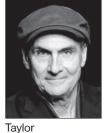
country's most storied baseball parks.

"I've loved her music and her for a long, long time," Taylor told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "I've interacted with Bonnie, and happily so, at numerous benefits

for numerous causes-environmental, social, political causes—over the years. We're very much in sync in that way. She's an incredible giver."

Among their stops will be Boston's Fenway Park, where Taylor's home-state team, the Red Sox, live and where Raitt last joined him on the road in

2015. And the first time? Well, that was back in 1970, when he invited the Harvard junior and budding blues singer, guitar player and songwriter onstage for a campus gig at Sanders Theatre after the two met through a mutual friend.





"I was nervous to play because I hadn't really broken my chops in for concerts that much," Raitt said by phone from Toronto while on a swing through Canada. "But I was so excited. It was an honor to be both at my school and opening for him. He couldn't have been warmer and more friendly. It was intimidating to meet one of my heroes but he was just so down to earth."

Raitt got her first recording contract and dropped out of school around that time. Though she was based on the West Coast and Taylor on

the East, the two stayed in touch over the decades.

"The affection between us is so clear and so palpable. Our two bands love each other. James and I are both social activists and we're really proud that a dollar of every ticket will be donated to various causes," Raitt said.

The two haven't worked up their sets yet but Raitt just may include Taylor's 1968 "Rainy Day Man," from his debut album and one of her all-time Taylor favorites, written by him and Zach Wiesner. It's old-school Taylor, desperate and lonely, focused on making

a dope connection soon after he tried opiates for the first time in real life, setting him on a 20-year path of addiction.

Raitt covered the song in 1974 on her "Streetlights"

"What good is that happy lie/All you wanted from the start was to cry/It looks like another fall/Your good friends they don't seem to help at all/ When you're feeling kind of cold and small/Just look up your rainy day man."

"It's so complex and deep as a point of view, especially for someone as young as James when he wrote it," Raitt said. "He was so insightful and so deeply in touch with the inner workings and the darker side of the human soul and relationships, and so much of that point of view was so beautifully expressed in his music. That song just speaks to me and always has."

pouty Slavic wife. Trump's name is never mentioned, but backlash was swift.

On Sunday, Donald Trump Jr. retweeted a Fox News story about the play and wrote, "I wonder how much of this 'art' is funded by taxpayers? Serious question, when does 'art' become political speech & does that change things?"

Delta responded by saving "artistic and creative direction crossed the line on the standards of good taste."

Bank of America said the Public chose to present the play "to provoke and offend" without the bank's knowledge: "Had this intention been made known to us, we would have decided not to sponsor it."

"Julius Caesar" ends its run Sunday. The comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream" begins in the park on July 11.

The National Endowment for the Arts, which Trump, a Republican, once proposed eliminating, said that while the Public's Shakespeare programing has received its grants in the past none was awarded for "Julius Caesar" or for funds supporting the New York State Council on the Arts' grant for the Public.

Theater lovers were quick to point out that a national tour of "Julius Caesar" in 2012 by The Acting Company featured a Caesar played by a black actor in a modern business suit who had a resemblance to then-President Barack Obama, a Democrat. Sponsors of the Guthrie Theater, including Delta, apparently had no objections when that show landed in Minneapolis.

The Public has long protected its role as incubator of provocative and challenging works, unafraid to mount plays that comment on current events or update Shakespearian plays to explore modern themes.

It's had Trump in its sights before. It's the institution that birthed the megahit "Hamilton," whose cast members last year implored Vice President-elect Mike Pence to support diversity, and where Meryl Streep donned selftanner and a fat suit last summer to impersonate Trump at a gala fundraiser.

Laurence Maslon, an administrator and arts professor at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, said it was disingenuous for large corporations that have backed the Public for years and enjoyed co-opting its downtown cool vibe to sound alarmed now.

"You've got to know what you're getting into," he said, adding that the Public has "50 years of the most provocative, politically engaged work." He backed the director, Eustis, saying he's "nothing if not brave."

Bill Cosby jury to hear more of his deposition testimony

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP)— Bill Cosby's sexual assault case has sparked debate over celebrity, race, power and gender, but the brisk story laid out by prosecutors at his trial has focused mostly on what happened one night in 2004 at his gated estate in suburban Philadelphia.

The jury, which starts a fifth hour of deliberations Tuesday, went straight to the heart of the case with its first question Monday night: Can we hear again what Cosby said he told accuser Andrea Constand when he gave her pills before engaging in sexual contact? They wanted to revisit the portion of a 2005 civil deposition where the comedian, now 79, talked about giving her "three friends."

"She sat with her back to the kitchen wall," Cosby said. "And there was talk of tension, ves, about relaxation and Andrea trying to learn to relax the shoulders, the head, et cetera. And I went upstairs and I went into my pack and I broke one whole one and brought a half down and told her to take it."

"Your friends," Cosby said he told her. "I have three friends for you to make you relax."

Cosby later told police the

pills were Benadryl, an overthe-counter cold and allergy medicine. Constand—then an athletic, 6-foot-tall college basketball staffer—said they made her dazed and groggy, and unable to say no or fight back when Cosby went inside her pants.

defense The insisted throughout the trial that Constand hid the fact they'd had a romantic relationship before the early 2004 encounter when she went to police a year later. Cosby, his lawyer said, never ran from talking to police, for better or worse.

"He never shuts up," lawyer Brian McMonagle said of his client in closing arguments Monday morning.

Nonetheless, the comedian whose storytelling artistry fueled a \$400 million fortune went quiet Monday when he had the chance to take the stand. The defense started and ended its case Monday with six minutes of repeat testimony from a detective.

Cosby couldn't risk taking the stand and being cross-examined about the 60 other accusers if he denied ever drugging or molesting anyone.

Forbes crowns Sean 'Diddy' Combs as highest-paid entertainer

NEW YORK (AP)—Sean "Diddy" Combs is the top earner on Forbes' list of the 100 highest-paid celebrities.

The magazine says the artist formerly known as Puff Daddy brought in \$130 million from June 1, 2016, to June 1, 2017. Forbes says Diddy's Bad Boy Family Reunion Tour, a stake in Ciroc vodka and the \$70 million sale of one-third of his Sean John clothing line all contributed to his earnings.

No. 2 on the list is Beyonce, with \$105 million in earnings. Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling brought in \$95 million. Rapper Drake and Portuguese soccer superstar Cristiano Ronaldo round out

Last year's top earner, Taylor Swift, dropped to No. 49. The singer brought in \$44 million, down from \$170 million.

In this Aug. 28, 2016, file photo, Sean "Diddy" Combs arrives

at the MTV Video Music Awards at Madison Square Garden in

Starbucks teams with Lady Gaga for 'Cups of Kindness'

SEATTLE (AP)—Starbucks has teamed up with Lady Gaga for a set of brightly colored summer drinks that will raise money for the singer's foundation.

The "Cups of Kindness" campaign begins Tuesday and runs through Monday.

Starbucks says 25 cents from every drink will be donated to Gaga's "Born This Way" foundation, which has an ongoing campaign to encourage kindness.

The drinks include two of Starbucks' famous pink drinks and two new beverages. One of them is a blackberry-flavored violet drink and matcha lemonade, a combination of matcha tea with traditional lemonade that Gaga says she "instantly fell in love

Starbucks is contributing a minimum of \$250,000 to



Despite delays, timing just right for Tupac biopic star single.' ... From then on it was

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Demetrius Shipp Jr. never acted before playing Tupac Shakur in "All Eyez on Me." But his connections to the rapper, and to acting, go back to his childhood.

Shipp's uncanny resemblance to Shakur inspired his friends to call him "Pac" in high school. And even before that, Shakur's music was part of his life. Shipp's dad is a music producer who worked on one of Shakur's songs.

"My fondest memory of Tupac is my father producing 'Toss It Up' for him when I was 7 years old and hearing that," Shipp said. "He produced that, and that was the biggest guy at the time. So I was like 'Wow this is dope, my pops did this

like Tupac forever." "Toss It Up" was the first

single released after Shakur was shot to death in Las Vegas in 1996.

Those connections didn't exactly prepare Shipp to play Shakur in a biopic. But a fouryear delay between casting and production was enough time for the look-alike to really get camera-ready.

"I look at it now as like, even through 2011 back then... and all of these years, being able to see now that I wasn't ready," Shipp said. "It happened at the exact perfect time for me, just even with the alignment of the people that were involved."

The delays—prompted by the departure of two potential directors and a legal battle with Shakur's estate over his life rights—allowed Shipp to properly study acting, and he was unexpectedly reunited with a teacher from his youth.

"As a kid, I was going to her acting classes, not to act for myself but to support my friend," he recalled. "And she was my acting coach all these year later for the Tupac movie... It feels like destiny.'

Shipp, 28, appears in nearly every frame of "All Eyez on Me," which tracks Shakur's life from his teens to his violent death in 1996, with nods to his activist upbringing by his Black Panther parents.

Producer L.T. Hutton, a former Death Row Records producer who worked with Shakur, said he needed to cast a lead actor audiences would believe as Tupac, and Shipp was the one.

"I knew from his background and upbringing that Demetrius had the makings of becoming Tupac all the way," Hutton said. "If I'd cast any one of the actors Hollywood was pushing me to use, people would have spent the first hour of the movie wondering, 'Why is this guy trying to be Tupac?""

Shipp said he's been inspired by the experience, and by Shakur's indefatigable work ethic: He recorded hundreds of songs and made six movies before his death at age 25.

Bachelor in Paradise' suspended amid misconduct probe

LOS ANGELES (AP)— The company behind ABC's "Bachelor in Paradise" has suspended production of the reality show and sent its contestants home while producers look into allegations of misconduct on the set in

Warner Bros. says it is "conducting a thorough investigation of these allegations" and "appropriate responsive action" will be taken once the investigation is complete. The company

didn't offer any details on the allegations.

A company spokesman confirmed Monday the cast was sent home following the production halt.

"Bachelor in Paradise" is in its fourth season as a spinoff of ABC's "The Bachelor." It brings together former contestants on "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" in a tropical location. Its cast was announced last week and was set to premiere on ABC in

Man's old tryst with wife's yoga teacher causes strain

EAR ABBY: My wife recently started a new yoga class she really likes. But I made the mistake of telling her that the instructor and I had dated briefly (had sex) when we were around 15. I am 50 now and my wife is 45. I was a promiscuous drunk when I was in high school and college. I have been sober now for 28 years, and we have been together for 22 years. I have not been with another woman since I met my wife.

Abby, she treats this situation as if I cheated on her yesterday, and this was 35 years ago! Also, after she recognized my wife's last name, the yoga instructor told my wife that I broke her heart back then. Help!

HEARTBREAKER

DEAR HEARTBREAKER: You have gotten your life in order, and the yoga instructor appears to be doing well. That she's 50 and in good enough shape to be teaching yoga says a lot for her flexibility. Clearly, neither you nor your old high school classmate has been trying to slip anything past your wife. If she really feels threatened because of your long-past relationship with her teacher, she should roll up her mat and find another class.

DEAR ABBY: We have a lovely granddaughter who is about to be married to an excellent young man. She is sweet, kind, smart, hardworking, just out of college and everything you would want in a granddaughter. However, we are deeply concerned about her wedding, which will have a Wiccan theme, and they are both planning to change to a last name with Wiccan significance.

Although I'm not positive, I'm pretty sure she doesn't actually follow this religion, but rather regards it as an entertaining idea. As a Christian, I'm uncomfortable with the theme. Our only choices are to go and make the best of it, or to stay home and have everyone think we are narrow-minded old fuddy-duddies. What should we do?

DEAR CHALLENGED: I'm glad you asked. Go, make the best of it, and refrain from making judgments about your lovely, high-achieving granddaughter's decision about her wedding. Her choice of wedding theme may or may not be a lark. However, if it isn't, Wicca is a peaceful religion. Wiccans do not practice black magic. She will still be the same lovely girl after the wedding as she was before.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law didn't get me a card or even wish me Happy Mother's Day on my very first one. We got together to celebrate, so I don't think she forgot. I thought we had a pretty good relationship, but now I'm not so sure.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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Is there a nice way to ask her why she didn't get me a card or CHALLENGED IN CALIFORNIA even say, "Happy Mother's Day"? I'd like to be able to apologize if she's harboring a grudge for some reason.

NEW MOM IN TENNESSEE

DEAR NEW MOM: Sometimes it's not what you say, but the way you say it that can create tension. I suggest that when you approach your MIL about this, you do it with a smile and say, "I was surprised when you didn't wish me a Happy Mother's Day. Why was that?" Then LISTEN.

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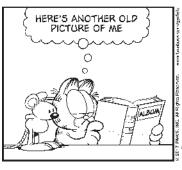
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lucy Hale, 28; Kevin McHale, 29; Diablo Cody, 39; Boy George, 56.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Communication followed by taking action will lead to good decisions. Not everyone will agree with you, but if you follow your heart and do what's best for you, everything will turn out well in the end. Don't get angry; get moving. ••••

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay focused on what's expected of you. Showing how reliable you are will help you avoid complaints. Be innovative as well as productive, and it will lead to personal gains. A physical change will make you feel good. 🗪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Share your thoughts and show compassion to those less fortunate than you. It's not what you have, it's what you offer that will make you a better person. Reach out and listen, and you will learn through the experiences of others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Learn from past mistakes and you will find it easier to move forward. The physical work you put in to make personal improvements or to help your community benefit will pay off and put you in a

good position for advancement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Partnerships, discussions and working toward a common goal with people who share your vision will turn out remarkably well. Aim to please and you will be given the same in return. Strive for equality and reach for the stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't stop when you have a lot to accomplish. Do your best to get things done without getting involved in gossip or discussions that have nothing to do with your responsibilities. The rewards will be yours if you are efficient and timely. OOO

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel plans should be made. Whether it's a business or pleasure trip, it will lead to personal or professional opportunities. Expand your mind and you'll discover new ways to address old issues. Speak from the heart and good things will transpire. OOOOO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look over your investments and consider how to capture your gains and cut your losses. Take a different approach to the way you handle your financial, medical and legal matters. An im-

portant relationship will need nurturing. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Communicate, get together and share

new possibilities. Innovation will help you move forward, but before you take a leap of faith, be sure to double-check the facts vou've received from an outside source. Choose safety over sorrow. 🛇 😂 😂

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Join forces with someone you have worked with in the past or who has something he or she can teach you that will help secure your future income or position. Clear a space to work on a home business endeavor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Socialize, network or do more with social media and you will get your word and your vision out into the mainstream. There is money to be made if you market what you have to offer. Joint ventures look promising.

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Taillon leads Pirates over Rockies in comeback game



son Taillon pitched five scoreless innings on his return from treatments for testicular cancer to help the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Colorado Rockies 7-2 in Major League Baseball on Monday night.

Taillon (3-1) allowed five hits, walked two and struck out five. The 25-year-old had surgery May 8, four days after losing to the Reds at Cincinnati, then made three rehab starts in the minor leagues.

Josh Harrison hit a two-run home run, his eighth, in the first inning off Kyle Freeland (7-4). Harrison, David Freese and Jose Osuna each had two hits for the Pirates.

Freeland, a rookie, lost for the first time in seven road starts by giving up five runs (four earned) and nine hits in 5 2/3 innings. Freeland failed to pitch the past the sixth inning for just the second time in his last 10 starts and allowed a home run in a sixth consecutive outing.

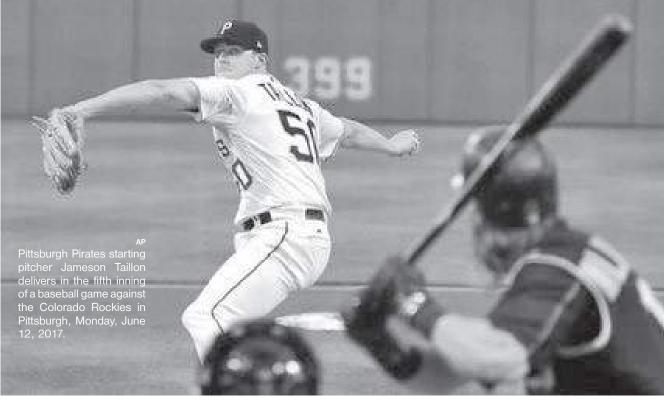
Mets 6, Cubs 1

In New York, Jacob deGrom pitched a five-hitter and Asdrubal Cabrera atoned for an embarrassing error by lining two home runs and turning four double plays as the Mets beat the Cubs.

DeGrom (5-3) threw the Mets' first complete game of the season as New York won its fourth in a row.

Still under .500 but getting healthier, the Mets started a key two-week stretch where they face 14 straight games against teams that reached the NL playoffs last year.

The Cubs dropped to 31-32 with their ninth straight road loss — the World Series champions haven't won away from Wrigley Field in a month



during their worst road skid since 2012.

Mets star outfielder Yoenis Cespedes left the game because of a sore left heel. He went 1 for 3 before being pulled. On Saturday, Cespedes hit a grand slam at Atlanta in his return from a six-week stint on the disabled list. He had been out with a strained left hamstring, and also had been nagged by trouble with his quadriceps.

John Lackey (4-7) fell to 0-4 in five starts.

Braves 11, Nationals 10

In Washington, Tyler Flowers hit a go-ahead three-run home run off Matt Albers in the ninth inning as Atlanta came from three runs down to beat Washington and snap a threegame skid.

Flowers had been hitless in his first four at-bats before he took Albers' fastball to the opposite field and into the Nationals bullpen.

Matt Adams hit a pair of homers, including one off starter Stephen Strasburg. The Nationals' ace gave up six runs and three homers. Adams' second homer, a solo shot, was the first of five runs scored against a Nationals bullpen that blew its 11th save and second during a four-game losing streak.

Albers (2-1) allowed the final three runs in the ninth after entering to work out of an eighth-inning jam.

Atlanta's bullpen allowed two runs over 5 and 2/3 innings. Jason Motte (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth and Jim Johnson allowed a run but completed the ninth for his 13th save.

Red Sox 6, Phillies 5, 11 innings

In Boston, Dustin Pedroia singled home the winning run in the 11th inning to lift the Red Sox to a win over the Phillies.

Pablo Sandoval opened the

inning with a single off Casey Fein (0-1). Deven Marrero pinch-ran and moved up on a sacrifice. After Mookie Betts was intentionally walked, Pedroia hit a ground single to right and Marrero beat the throw from Aaron Altherr with a headfirst slide on a close play.

Hanley Ramirez had tied the game 5-5 in the eighth with a homer. Betts had four hits with three doubles and a single, and Andrew Benintendi also hit a solo homer for Boston, which has won three of four.

Tommy Joseph had a tworun single and former Red Sox player Daniel Nava three hits for the Phillies, who have lost 10 of their last 12 games in Fenway Park.

Matt Barnes (5-2) pitched two scoreless innings of relief with five strikeouts.

White Sox 10, **Orioles 7**

In Chicago, Kevan Smith

hit his first career home run, Avisail Garcia celebrated his 26th birthday with three RBIs and the White Sox beat the

Orioles. The White Sox opened a four-game series on a strong note after dropping nine of 11 and handed the Orioles their fifth straight loss.

Smith set the tone with a two-run drive in the second against Wade Miley (2-4) and finished with a career-best three RBIs.

Garcia added an RBI double in a four-run third and drove in two more with a single in the fourth to give Chicago an 8-2 lead.

Matt Davidson had an RBI single and solo homer. Melky Cabrera had three of Chicago's 14 hits. Jose Abreu added a single, a ground-rule double and scored twice.

Jake Petricka (1-0) pitched one-hit ball over 2 1/3 innings after Mike Pelfrey struggled, and the White Sox picked up the win after a 2-7 road trip.

Mariners 14, Twins 3

In Minneapolis, Nelson Cruz drove in four runs and Mitch Haniger had four hits as the Seattle Mariners started a series against Minnesota with a football score for the second time in a week to beat the Twins.

Danny Valencia and Mike Zunino hit back-to-back home runs in the eighth inning, the fifth such feat for the Mariners this season. Yovani Gallardo (3-6) sailed through six innings with the excess support, allowing three runs and seven hits.

Twins rookie Adalberto Mejia (1-2) struggled from the start, allowing nine hits and nine runs and leaving with two outs in the fourth inning. The first two batters in the lineup, Ben Gamel and Haniger, reached base and eventually scored all three times they faced Mejia.

Rangers 6, Astros 1

In Houston, Yu Darvish pitched seven solid innings and Nomar Mazara hit a threerun homer to give the Rangers a win over the Astros.

Darvish (6-4) allowed one hit and one run with three walks. He induced a seasonbest 12 groundball outs.

The Rangers went up 2-0 on back-to-back triples by Rougned Odor and Joey Gallo in the third inning.

The Astros got an RBI single by Alex Bregman in the fifth, but a run-scoring double by Adrian Beltre gave the Rangers some insurance in the sixth inning.

Mazara provided more cushion with his shot to straightaway center field off Dayan Diaz with two outs in the eighth to make it 6-1.

Houston starter Joe Musgrove (4-5) allowed five hits and two runs in 4 2/3 innings.

Yankees 5, Angels 3

In Anaheim, California, Aaron Judge hit a tiebreaking tworun homer in the eighth inning to lead the Yankees to their sixth consecutive victory, over the Angels.

One day after hitting a 495-foot homer in the Bronx, Judge hit a majestic 438-foot shot on the opposite coast for his fourth homer in three games and the 22nd of his spectacular rookie season.

The California native hit his first homer in his home state after Angels manager Mike Scioscia curiously allowed closer Bud Norris to pitch to the AL homers leader with first base open.

Jose Alvarez (0-3) gave up Aaron Hicks' one-out double before Judge's homer.

Tyler Clippard (1-3) got the win and Dellin Betances recorded four outs for his sixth save.

Padres 9, Reds 3

In San Diego, Franchy Cordero hit his first major league home run, Austin Hedges had three hits and three RBIs, and the Padres beat the Reds.

Cordero, who debuted in the majors May 27, hit an opposite-field shot during a sixrun surge in the second inning that also included Yangervis Solarte's sixth home run.

Reds pitcher Bronson Arroyo (3-5) had allowed a major league-high 20 home runs entering Monday and brought in a 6.25 ERA.

Arroyo lasted 4 2/3 innings and allowed two homers and nine runs. His 13 hits given up tied a career high set Sept. 26, 2008, at St. Louis.

Luis Perdomo (1-3) worked 6 2/3 innings for San Diego.

Greene picked for arm, McKay for bat near top of MLB draft

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP)— Hunter Greene was selected by Cincinnati as a pitcher, while Brendan McKay's bat attracted Tampa Bay.

And in a Major League Baseball draft stocked with several two-way talents at the top the first-place Minnesota Twins went another way Monday night.

Surprise leaders in the AL Central after finishing 59-103 last year, the Twins spent their No. 1 pick on speedy Royce Lewis, a slick-fielding shortstop out of JSerra Catholic High School in California.

"We know he's going to be a leader the second he steps on the field," Minnesota chief baseball officer Derek Falvey said.

Greene was next to come off the board—and until he did, many wondered where a pitcher. he would fit as a pro.

The right-hander from California also played an impressive shortstop at Notre Dame High School, but a fastball that can reach 100 mph has the Reds projecting him as a future ace.

Featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated this season and labeled the big star baseball needs, Greene was the first of four prospects in attendance at the draft site to be selected.

"If there was ever a young man who could live up to a Sports Illustrated cover at age 17, I think Hunter's that young man," Commissioner Rob Manfred said.

Greene was asked to give a scouting report on himself as

'Man. I'm a monster." he said, chuckling. "I'm different on the field than I am off the field. I'm just going to go out there and compete and challenge and pound the zone and go after guys like I know I can and like everybody else knows I can."

And while the Reds drafted him as a pitcher, Greene sounded as though he still might have designs on playing the infield, too. Already, there is talk he could be a designated hitter in the low minors when he's not pitching.

"I don't even know yet," Greene said, wearing a Cincinnati cap and jersey. "I still love doing both and I think the ballclub is excited for getting two players for one. So I

think they're pretty pumped up for that, so we'll see how it works out." At No. 3, San Diego se-

lected North Carolina prep

left-hander MacKenzie Gore, marking the first time since 1990 that the top three picks were all high school players Then it was McKay, an-

other two-way star from Louisville, going fourth overall to the Rays as a first baseman. McKay had teams consid-

ering whether they should draft him as a pitcher, hitter - or both. The Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year is hitting .343 with 17 homers and 56 RBIs for the College World Series-bound Cardinals. He's also 10-3 with a 2.34 ERA and 140 strikeouts in 104 innings on the mound.

Jets continue purge, part ways with vets Harris, Decker



FLORHAM
PARK, N.J.
(AP)—David
Harris was just
the latest veteran

player shown the door in what has been an offseason purge by the New York Jets.

Eric Decker will be the next to leave. And, there could be more to come.

On a dreary Tuesday that will be remembered by Jets fans for fond farewells to two of their favorites, Harris was released and Decker was told he will be traded or cut. The two moves will save the Jets \$13.75 million in salary cap space.

"These are tough decisions to make on all of our players," general manager Mike Maccagnan said. "Going forward, we have a situation where we have some flexibility now. We'll see how that unfolds going forward."

Harris and Decker join what has become a lengthy list of veterans who have been sent packing during the past few months. That includes cornerback Darrelle Revis, center Nick Mangold, wide receiver Brandon Marshall, kicker Nick Folk, offensive tackle Breno Giacomini and safety Marcus Gilchrist, who were cut; Calvin Pryor, who was traded last week to Cleveland; and quarterbacks Ryan Fitzpatrick and Geno Smith, who were allowed to become free agents.

Both Harris and Decker participated in practice during organized team activities on Tuesday. A few hours later, coach Todd Bowles confirmed that Harris had been cut.

The playmaking linebacker's release was a stunning move in which the team parted ways with one of its most-productive and well-respected players. The team and the second-round draft pick out



of Michigan in 2007, second on the franchise's career list in tackles, had been discussing a salary reduction.

"They didn't come to an agreement and we didn't come to an agreement, and it led to this," Bowles said. "It wasn't an easy time. David has been a Jet all his life. He ... bled green."

The move was particularly surprising because of Harris' status as the Jets' longest-tenured player—and it being so late in the offseason.

In a statement released to The Associated Press, Harris' agents Brian Mackler and Jim Ivler called the timing of the decision "very disappointing."

"The Jets could have done this prior to free agency instead of waiting three months," the statement said, "especially for a player who has exhibited nothing but loyalty and class for 10 years."

Maccagnan declined to disclose details of the negotiations between the sides.

"You go through this process and there's always different times to do things," Maccagnan said. "I don't know if there's a good or a bad time to do this, but this is obviously something we discussed as an organization."

Nicknamed "The Hitman" for his knack for making big tackles, the 33-year-old Harris had at least 113 in every season but his second, when he had 87 after missing six games with an injury. He ranks second to only Kyle Clifton (1,471) on the team's career list with 1,260 tackles, according to stats compiled by the team.

Harris has never been a flashy guy off the field, preferring to keep out of the New York spotlight despite his status as one of the Jets' best players in recent years. His humble approach made him a favorite of teammates and fans alike.

"For a decade, David Harris represented the Jets with character and professionalism," owner Woody Johnson said in a statement.

"He held himself to the highest of standards and always carried himself with a quiet dignity and humility. While these decisions are always difficult and the timing is not ideal, David will always be a Jet, and I appreciate his leadership and passion."

Decker's departure will save the Jets \$7.25 million on the cap, but leaves Quincy Enunwa as the team's No. 1 wide receiver.

Decker, 30, had 163 catches for 2,183 yards and 19 touch-

Tramaine Brock with felony

shows New York Jets inside linebacker David Harris making a catch during a mandatory minicamp at the NFL football team's facility in Florham Park, N.J.

This June 9, 2015 file photo

month after having surgery on his hip, which had also been ailing him.

Decker appeared to be recovering nicely this offseason while participating in organized team activities the past few weeks, although he sported a red no-contact jersey during team drills.

"We think very highly of Eric," Maccagnan said. "Our focus right now is seeing our young players and how they do. We wish Eric, going forward, a lot of success."

Other than Enunwa, the Jets have several unproven receivers on the roster, including Robby Anderson, Jalin Marshall, Charone Peake and the recently drafted ArDarius Stewart and Chad Hansen.

Despite the overall lack of top talent on the roster, Maccagnan insisted that tanking this season for a top draft pick—which is becoming a growing sentiment among fans—is "not our focus."

Saints coach: Physician advises Fairley to give up football

METAIRIE, La. (AP)—Saints defensive tackle Nick Fairley is seeing multiple heart specialists after one physician advised Fairley to stop playing football, Saints coach Sean Payton said Thursday.

downs in three seasons with

the Jets, although he was lim-

ited to just nine receptions

for 194 yards and two TDs in

three games last year because

of a shoulder injury. He had

his torn rotator cuff repaired

last November—just over a

"Obviously, there's concern," Payton said. "But there isn't a final answer."

Payton says he hopes Fairley, who has been absent during recent voluntary offseason practices, can return to the Saints. But the coach said the 29-year-old defensive lineman also should be certain that continuing to play won't worsen a heart condition he's had throughout his six-year NFL career.

"The most important thing right now in our mind is his well-being," Payton said. "To play this game, there's a little bit of mental toughness involved, obviously. I want to make sure, if in fact he's playing it, again that he's playing with full confidence that he's healthy to play and that nothing severe would come of him playing."

Fairley, a former Auburn star and 2011 first-round draft choice by Detroit, was one of New Orleans' top defensive performers last season. He was credited with 6 1/2 sacks, nine tackles for losses and 22 quarterback hits in 2016.

This offseason, Fairley

signed a four-year extension worth up to \$28 million, but has not participated in any of the club's voluntary offseason work. Payton said Saints the Saints put Fairley through a physical examination, and that it was a team physician who first suggested that Fairley see a heart specialist.

Payton said Fairley has now seen three specialists. One suggested giving up football, but not all the medical opinions have come back yet.

"We're hopeful that the news will be good, and yet we'll just rely on the experts right now," Payton said. "Certainly, it's something that we're not as familiar with. ... We'll keep following up on that and I think clearly in the next couple weeks here we should have a little bit more finality."

While losing Fairley would be a blow to New Orleans' defense, Payton said that wasn't his primary concern.

"There's two ways to look at it," Payton said. "The potential bad news is you don't play football again. The potential good news is you lead a healthy life with the condition that you know you have and treat accordingly."

New Orleans' top defensive tackles behind Fairley include Sheldon Rankins, Tyeler Davison and David Onyemata.

NFL BRIEFS

WR Jeremy Maclin picks Ravens over Bills, signs 2-year deal

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP)—Receiver Jeremy Maclin has signed a two-year contract with the Baltimore Ravens, who spent much of the offseason looking for a deep threat. After being cut by Kansas City earlier this month, Maclin visited Buffalo and Baltimore last week. He chose the Ravens, who announced the signing on Monday. Maclin fulfills the Ravens' quest to provide another downfield target for quarterback Joe Flacco. Mike Wallace returns, but Steve Smith won't be coming back after announcing his retirement. Maclin broke into the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles and spent the

last two years with Kansas City. A Pro Bowler in 2014, Maclin had 44 catches last year despite missing four games with a groin injury. His 87 receptions in 2015 are a career high and set the Chiefs' single-season record by a wide receiver. Maclin also can return punts and has scored 46 career TDs.

Body of former NFL player James Hardy found in Indiana river FORT WAYNE, Ind

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP)—Authorities say former NFL wide receiver James Hardy has been found dead in a river in northeast Indiana. The Allen County Coroner's Office says the 31-year-old's body was identified Thursday, but that the cause and manner of death are still being investigated. The coroner says

the former Buffalo Bills and Baltimore Ravens player was reported missing a few weeks ago by relatives. His body was discovered Wednesday in the Maumee River in Fort Wayne. The former Indiana University star was drafted in the second round of the 2008 NFL draft by the Bills. A series of injuries limited him to 16 games over two seasons in Buffalo. He also played for Baltimore before being released in 2011. Police say an employee of Fort Wayne's water filtration plant discovered his body.

Former 49er charged with felony domestic violence

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)— Prosecutors in California have charged former San Francisco 49ers cornerback

domestic violence. The Santa Clara County District Attorney's office says Brock is scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday in a San Jose courtroom. Brock is accused of punching and attempting multiple times to strangle his girlfriend on April 6 during a dispute over what to watch on television. Prosecutors say one of the strangling attempts occurred as she was carrying their 1-year-old child. Prosecutors have also charged Brock with misdemeanor child endangerment. If convicted, he faces up to 5 years in prison. The 49ers released Brock in April, one day after he was arrested. Brock's attorney, Joshua Bentley, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Durant planned for this title months ago in picking Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)— They made their group plea to Kevin Durant last summer, Stephen Curry and the core of the Golden State Warriors traveling cross-country to go at a prized free agent the only way they do it around here: with "Strength in Numbers."

Durant didn't really need a hard sell that day in the Hamptons. He chose Curry, Draymond Green, Klay Thompson and a chance at his first championship over returning to Oklahoma City. Scorned and scrutinized from every angle for that decision, Durant triumphantly raised his arms and an MVP trophy Monday night all these months later- beaming as a first-time NBA champion, just as planned.

He hugged mother Wanda many a time. And Curry, too. Even LeBron James, celebrating the fight and brilliance Bay franchise under the mithey each demonstrated during an entertaining back-andforth basketball show in this Finals trilogy. Golden State in 2015, the Cavaliers last year, the Warriors again this time.

"I hear all the narratives throughout the season that I was joining, I was hopping on bandwagons, I was letting everybody else do the work," Durant said. "But then that was far from the truth. I came in and tried to help my team. Like I said, tried to be myself, be aggressive and sacrifice as well."

For all that chatter about chemistry on a super-team some called them "supervillains"—how there might not be enough shots for all the bigtime scorers, the Warriors kept winning as the world watched the every move of the East

croscope.

Durant and Curry were always right in the middle, yet they stayed loose and focused by building their own relationship-not to mention shooting skills-through regular shooting contests that were oh so close.

"The way that he embraced the opportunity in the Finals, it was unbelievable," Curry said. "It's kind of crazy to think about the conversations we had this summer and going into the year about how we can both mesh and do what we do and be the players that we are and (to) see it come to life in this series, it was unbelievable."

Durant, an eight-time All-Star who only needed a ring to cement his superstar status, scored 39 points in a championship-clinching 129-120 vic-



tory and averaged 35.2 points and 8.4 rebounds in these Finals.

"I'm just happy for him. He's had an amazing career, but he just took it to the next level," coach Steve Kerr said. "He was incredible all season long. He had an amazing series, just dominated. Everybody for the last 10 years knew how good he was, but until you break through and win that first championship, there's always still something there. I'm just so happy Kevin has broken through. And there's more to come from him."

Lee also had his third game yesterday opposite Namuhn, while in an earlier match in Day 2, the CNMI player shut down Apis. The No. 1 seed Lee also needed only two sets to win his opening match over Gibson last Monday, 6-2, 6-0.

JAMES

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but the Cavs never could dig out of a hole created by a secondquarter barrage and ended their season with a 129-120 loss to the Warriors in Game 5 of the NBA Finals on Monday night.

Cleveland has now lost two of the three showdowns in this Finals trilogy. Their one title came last year when the Cavs became the first NBA team to rally from a 3-1 Finals deficit to deliver the city its first major championship since 1964.

The Cavs managed to stave off elimination once in this series with a 137-116 win in Game 4 at home but couldn't pull off another improbable comeback this year.

"We were able to get them last year, and they went out and got one of the best players that this league has ever seen," James said. "They did a great job, their front office and their players, by doing that recruiting, the things that they did in the summertime, and obviously it paid dividends."

James had a spectacular series, averaging 33.6 points, 12 rebounds, and 10 assists but it wasn't enough. When it

was over, James went straight to congratulate Durant, who got revenge for losing the title with Oklahoma City to James' Miami Heat five years ago.

"Some people would say that he's on the toe of—like he's on the line of greatness," Irving said. "But that guy is way over. Man, he's freaking awesome."

Cleveland got off to a fast start and built a 41-33 lead on a dunk by James early in the second quarter. Durant appeared to commit his third foul on the play, but the officials let it go and the game quickly turned.

The Warriors responded with a 28-4 run for a lead they never gave up after that. The Cavs offense stagnated during that stretch as Cleveland missed 9 of 11 shots from the field, turned the ball over three times and had two missed free throws from Kevin Love.

"You can't turn the basketball over, you can't take bad shots because you don't have floor balance," coach Tyronn Lue said. "They're so fast, they get out in transition. It's tough to get back and get matched, especially with their speed."

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In the girls 16-and-under singles, Malika Miyawaki and Grace Choi went 2-0 after dominating Guam's Elizabeth Su, 6-0, 6-0 and Joycelyn Tenai, 6-3, 6-2, respectively.

In the boys 14-and-under singles, both Richard Steele and Sean Lee are unbeaten after two games. Steele won his opening match against FSM's Kiko Rush Apis last Monday, 6-2, 6-1, and then downed

another FSM bet in Nolan Mamuhn yesterday, 6-2, 6-2. Steele was scheduled to play his third game yesterday afternoon in Tamuning, but results of his duel against Guam's Dakot Gibson were unavailable at press time.

WARRIORS

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NBA postseason and won 15 consecutive games, the longest streak in the major North American sports.

"This is history. We're going down as one of the best teams ever, and that's a special thing you cannot take away from us,' reserve Andre Iguodala said.

They weren't so Golden in their lone blemish, a Game 4 loss when they played some of the poorest defense in Finals history to spoil a perfect postseason.

But throw in a 65-17 regular season, and the Warriors went 81-18 after Kevin Durant joined them, an impressive

start to finish after their collapse in last year's Finals that prevented them from winning three straight championships.

Golden State plays under a set of offensive-friendly rules, and critics said they wouldn't have stood up to the rugged play of the past. But the Warriors also had shooting that would have made them the envy of even some of the toughest teams of all-time.

A list of some teams, now including the Warriors, who have permanent places on the list of NBA greats.

1961-62 Celtics

Team record: 60-20 Playoffs record: 8-6

Future Hall of Famers on team: Bill Russell, Bob Cousy, Sam Jones, K.C. Jones, Tom "Satch" Sanders, Tom Heinsohn.

All-Stars that season: Cousy, Russell, Sam Jones, Heinsohn, coach Red Auerbach.

What made them great: With Cousy controlling a powerful offense and Russell patrolling the paint for the league's leading defense, the Celtics outscored teams by more than nine points per game while going 23-5 and 11-3 on neutral courts - yes, NBA teams played neutralsite games back then. Even with all their talent it wasn't easy, as Boston needed seven

games to beat Philadelphia in the Eastern Division finals and then seven more in the NBA Finals—the last going to overtime—to beat Los Angeles.

1970-71 Bucks

Team record: 66-16 Playoffs record: 12-2

Future Hall of Famers on team: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Oscar Robertson.

All-Stars that season: Abdul-Jabbar, Robertson, coach Larry Costello.

What made them great: Abdul-Jabbar and Robertson might be two of the top five players in NBA history, and they were on the same sensational team that season. Milwaukee clobbered teams by 12.2 points per game and increased that to an NBA-best 14.5 per game in the postseason. Abdul-Jabbar was the league's MVP and scoring champion, averaging 31.7

1971-72 Lakers

Team record: 69-13 Playoffs record: 12-3

Future Hall of Famers on team: Wilt Chamberlain, Jerry West, Pat Riley, Elgin Baylor, Gail Goodrich

All-Stars that season: West, Goodrich, Chamberlain, coach Bill Sharman

What made them great: Baylor retired early in the season, then the Lakers launched

an NBA-record, 33-game winning streak. Led the league with 121 points per game while outscoring opponents by 12.3 per night behind their potent backcourt of Goodrich and West, who each averaged nearly 26 points to rank in the league's top six. Chamberlain's 19.2 rebounds per game topped the league.

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champion, but 16-1 still gave Golden State the best winning percentage of any title team at

Durant shot 14 for 20 and Curry—the two-time reigning MVP who took a backseat as the new big star got acclimated-finished off a brilliant postseason. Not to mention a healthy one after his 2016 in-

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Green stayed on the court in a game that featured three technicals on one play 3:08 before halftime. David West fought for the ball with Irving, then they got tangled up and Tristan Thompson entered the fray and he and West went at each other face-to-face. West, Thompson and J.R. Smith received techs after a replay re-

Green had sat out this very game a year ago, suspended because of flagrant foul point

accumulation after he swiped at James' groin in Game 4. He had 10 points, 12 rebounds and five assists in the clincher.

"I had a letdown last year," Green said. "If KD was the consolation prize to lose, thanks for that loss, and we're champs this year."

With a much-improved bench led by Iguodala, Ja-Vale McGee, Shaun Livingston and West, that "Strength In Numbers" slogan that has become such a staple the past two seasons shined all season long, from Durant's 19-game absence late in the regular season with a left knee injury to assistant coach Mike Brown stepping in for 11 postseason games to lead the way while Steve Kerr was ailing.

Golden State used a 28-4 second-quarter run to take charge—just after it appeared Durant should have been

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Golden State last July so determined to get, scoring 39 points in a fast-and-furious, Finals-clinching 129-120 victory over LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 5 on Monday night.

"You can talk about whatever you want to talk about, but nobody comes in and cares about the game or loves the game as much as I do or works as hard as do I at the basketball game. You can talk about whatever happens on the outside, but inside those lines, I come to bring it every day," Durant said. "I work hard, I believe in myself, I believe in the game, I respect the game, I love the game, and I knew at some point in my life that it will come around for me."

Stephen Curry added 34

points, 10 assists and six rebounds as Golden State closed out its second title in three years after squandering a 3-1 lead a year ago. That stung ever since, and even Durant understood, because he gave up the same lead to the Warriors a round earlier with Oklahoma City.

James, who in 2012 with Miami beat the Thunder in Durant's only other Finals, wound up with 41 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists.

"I left everything on the floor every game," James said after averaging a triple-double in his eighth Finals.

Kyrie Irving followed up his 40-point gem in Game 4 with 26 points but shot 9 for 22.

This time, King James gave way to KD, who was the NBA Finals MVP 10 years after being picked second in the NBA draft behind Greg Oden.

Durant drove left, right and down the middle, knocked down 3-pointers, dished and dunked. He hit a 17-foot fadeaway over James early in the fourth quarter, then assisted on a 3-pointer by Andre Iguodala the next time down as the Warriors pulled away.

Iguodala, the 2015 Finals MVP, came up big again with his 2017 postseason-best 20 points off the bench in a testy, tightly called finale to this trilogy Finals that everyone had stamped on the calendar from the moment Durant departed Oklahoma City to join Curry and Co. last July.

The Warriors won in 2015 before the Cavs made their historic comeback last year. Then it was Golden State's time again, with Durant as the prized addition.

Sure, the Warriors missed becoming the first undefeated

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com

There's no stopping Carol Lee from rising up to the world rankings.

After sweeping the singles and doubles championships in the New Caledonia ITF Junior 2017 in Noumea last week, the 15-year-old Lee broke the 300 barrier, as she is now ranked No. 287. Lee was at No. 314 when she entered the Grade 5 tournament and way far at No. 470 at the start of the 2017 season.

Her victories in the New Caledonia ITF Junior 2017 gave her additional 30 points in the singles and 20 in the doubles, bringing his combined total ranking points so far to 161.25. She has 135 in the singles and 105 in the doubles and could add more as she is in contention in both the singles and doubles events of the ongoing Open BNP Paribas Junior de Nouvelle-

Caledonie.

In the singles play, the No. 1 seed Lee eased her way to the third round after drawing a bye in the first and sweep-

Bolo in the second yesterday, 6-1, 6-0. For the third round, which will

be played today, Lee is paired against No. 16 and Japanese Sakura Kurokawa, who eliminated Australia's Lara Kaplan, 7-5, 6-4.

Another CNMI bet, Isabel Heras, advanced to the third round, as the No. 11 seed also got a bye in Round 1 before outclassing Japanese wild card Rima Yoshida, 6-1, 6-5, in the second. Heras' third round opponent is the unranked Milan Kirsh, who pulled off an upset over No. 6 seed Holly Stewart, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.

Joining Kirsh, Heras, Kurokawa, and Lee to the third round were seeded players Sara Tsukamoto, Amelia Lawson, Erika Matsuda, Georgia Townsend, Ashley Yim, and

Carol soars to world rankings



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI's Carol Lee, right, is all smiles after receiving her singles championship trophy during the awards ceremony for the Caledonia ITF Junior 2017 held last week in Noumea. Joining Lee in the photo are runner-up and France's Helena Mohamed, center, and a tournament official.

Ciara Di Tommaso and unranked Lysiane Moto-Nekiriai and Helena Mohamed, who challenged Lee in the singles finals of last week's tournament.

In the doubles, Lee and Stewart and Tsukamoto and Otoha Aoki are the only seeded players left standing. The No. 2 Lee and Stewart barged into the quarterfinals after beating Kaplan and New Zealand's Sophie Michl, 6-2, 6-2, and will be facing Aussies Krish and Chloe Katerdian—a

6-1, 4-6, 10-6 winner over Kiwis Aimee Brown and Alysa Nowacki—in the quarterfinals. The top-seeded pair of Aoki and Tsukamoto duplicated Lee and Stewart's two-set win after ousting Lawson and Sarah Weekley, 6-1, 6-2. Heras missed the quarterfinals as she and Australia's Roopa Bains fell short against the Singapore duo of Yim and Julia Daiya Barden, 6-2, 4-6, 8-10.

In the boys doubles, the CNMI's Robbie Schorr and his teammate Aaryan Zaveri of India are in the Round of 8. The No. 5 seed pair advanced following a 6-0, 6-1 victory over New Caledonia's Jean-Victor De Gaillande and Solal Molko. Next up for Schorr and Zaveri are No. 4 and Kiwis Isaac Becroft and Finley Hall, who topped Tahiti's Jeremy Guines and New Zealand's Adrian Christoff Lagman, 6-3, 6-4.

CNMI sweeps FSM in U12 team event

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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The CNMI Boys 1 got off to a strong start in the U12 team event

of the 2017 North Pacific Regional Championships after blanking the Federated States of Micronesia, 3-0, last Monday at the Rick Ninete Tennis Center in Hagatna, Guam.

Anthony Gregoire handed the Commonwealth its first win in the pairing after downing Aniken Young Perman in the singles 2 game, 6-1, 6-2. Daniel Kang then sealed the victory later as he also took only two sets to beat Apis Israel, 6-0, 6-1. The CNMI bets completed the sweep when they dominated Israel and Perman in the lone doubles match, 6-1, 6-1.

In other results, the CNMI Girls 2 nipped Guam, 2-1. Helen Kim won her singles 2 tiff against Jaylie Usita-Lee, 6-0, 6-2, but the Commonwealth team could not secure the early victory when Sydney Packbier defeated Anika Camacho in the singles 1, 6-4, 6-4. Camacho then fought back in the deciding doubles game as she and Kim outclassed Packbier and Usita-Lee, 6-3, 6-1.

Other winners in Day 1 of the U12 team event were Palau Boys, Guam Boys 1, and Palau Girls. Palau Girls edged North Pacific Girls, 2-1, while Palau Boys and Guam Boys 1 swept Guam Boys 2 and CNMI Boys 2, respectively.

Matches in the team event continued yesterday with CNMI Boys 1 and 2 on a collision course and CNMI Girls



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Daniel Kang, seen here serving during the 2017 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships at the AMP tennis courts, teamed up with Anthony Gregoire in beating two Federated States of Micronesia players in the U12 team event of the 2017 North Pacific Regional Championships last Monday in Guam.

1 playing its first game against North Pacific Girls. Jiwoong Kwon and Andrew Chung play for CNMI Boys 2, while CNMI Girls 1 has J.C. Ferrer and Hyejin Elliot. Results of neither pairing were unavailable at the tournament's website at press time.

Meanwhile, Vincent Tudela, Ken Song, and Michael Ren are still perfect in the boys 16and-under singles. Ren earned a 2-0 record in Day 1 after beating FSM's Andy Sipos in their afternoon match, 6-0, 6-1. Song and Tudela duplicated Ren's unbeaten marks after prevailing over FSM's Sarkau Weston Luckymiss, 6-1, 6-4, and Sterkis Abraham, 6-2, 6-3, respectively.

Tudela went on to make it three in a row and earned a quarterfinal slot in the division after sweeping Guam's Kian Malakooti yesterday, 6-1, 6-1. Song also advanced to the playoffs following his 6-2, 6-4 triumph over Guam's James Hourican.

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Ol'Aces Extreme downs Northside Wolves

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The Ol'Aces Extreme outlasted the Northside Wolves, 51-46, during the lone boys U18 division game played in the 2017 Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Ol'Aces Extreme held the Northside Wolves to one field goal in the fourth quarter—a triple from Louis Calayag—to take the 5-point victory.

The fourth frame started with the opposing teams in a deadlock, but the Ol'Aces Extreme ended up breaking it and earning the win after drawing two field goals from Jedial Manalo and one each from Lemuel Elnas and Rico Villagomez.

Manalo and Villagomez

were among the three Ol'Aces Extreme players who scored in twin digits in their close win with his team-high 16 points. Marvin Schlap chimaed in 15 points.

Sablan chipped in 15, while Villagomez 13.

The Northside Wolves lost the game in the fourth canto after go-

game in the fourth canto after going toe to toe against the Ol'Aces Extreme in the first three behind the steady offense of Duncan Laxa. Laxa had 6 points in the first period that wrapped up in a standoff, 11-all.

Laxa added 6 more in the second frame to duplicate Manalo's output and the match was still tied by half-time, 24-24. Neither team then seemed to give in at the start of the second half with Laxa teaming up with Calayag in countering Sablan and Manalo's baskets, as the

match was back to square one, going into the final canto.

In the last quarter, the Northside Wolves struggled with only Calayag finding his mark, while the Ol'Aces Extreme drew baskets from three players to secure the win.

Only the Northside Wolves and Ol'Aces Extreme played last Monday, as the first match was forfeited in favor of the NMI Rollers after a no show for Agape Torchbearers.

Ol'Aces Extreme 51 — Manalo 16, Sablan 15, Villagomez 13, Elnas 4, Ybanez 3.

Northside Wolves 46 – Laxa 19, Calayag 10, Angelo 6, De Jose 4, Ferrer 4, Metran 2, Soriano 1.

Scoring by quarters: 11-11, 24-24, 43-43, 51-46.



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Bridge Capital LLC's Jody Jordahl, third left, presents the ceremonial check donation for the 2017 Tagaman Triathlon to TRAC officials, from left, Ricky Castro, Florence Antonio, and Paul Plunkett. The Tagaman Triathlon is set on June 24.

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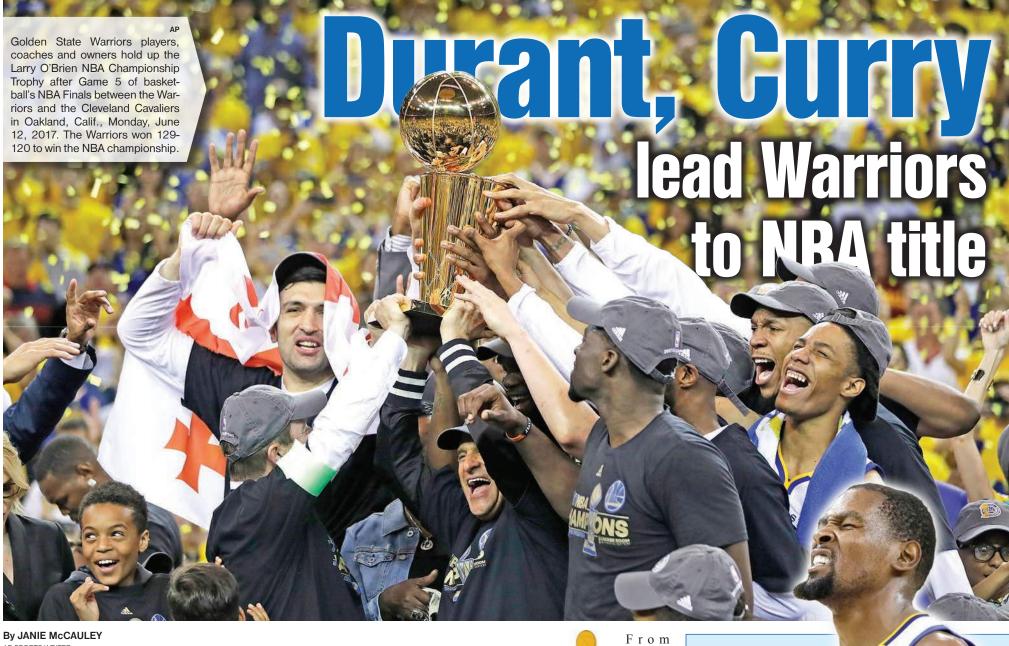


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AKLAND, Calif. (AP)—As a fresh NBA champions cap sat a tad off-kilter on his head, Kevin Durant embraced mother Wanda. Then he moved across the podium and hugged Stephen Curry before accepting his shiny MVP trophy, holding out his arms and hoisting it for everyone to see.



Durant capped his spectacular first season with the Warriors by bringing home that coveted NBA championship he joined

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James spectacular again, but his efforts not enough for Cavs

By JOSH DUBOW AP SPORTS WRITER

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)— As confetti fell on the court, LeBron James gave Kevin Durant a long embrace and congratulatory words before walking off the court with his head held high despite a fifth career NBA Finals loss.

After averaging a tripledouble over the five games, James knew there was little

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James reacts during the second half of Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors in Oakland, Calif., Monday, June

more he or his teammates could have done to beat a Golden State Warriors team that proved too talented this year with the addition of Finals MVP Durant.

"I have no reason to put my head down," James said. "I have no reason to look back at what I could have done or what I shouldn't have done or what I could have done better for the team. I left everything I had out on the floor every single game for five games in this Finals, and you come up short."

James had 41 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists and Kyrie Irving added 26 points

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Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant reacts after scoring against the Cleveland Cavaliers during the second half of Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Monday, June 12, 2017.

Warriors join Bulls, Lakers, Celtics on list of NBA's greats

By BRIAN MAHONEY

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They could outrun teams like the Showtime Lakers and outgun them like Michael Jordan's Bulls-and the Golden State Warriors had a more dominant postseason than either.

Their run was better than anything Bill Russell or Larry Bird did in Boston, so they should be able to claim a spot on the list of the NBA's best teams ever.

Golden State finished the playoffs 16-1 when they beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 129-120 in Game 5 of the NBA Finals. They ended with the highest winning percentage ever in the

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